



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

AUGUST 2024

From the Pastor

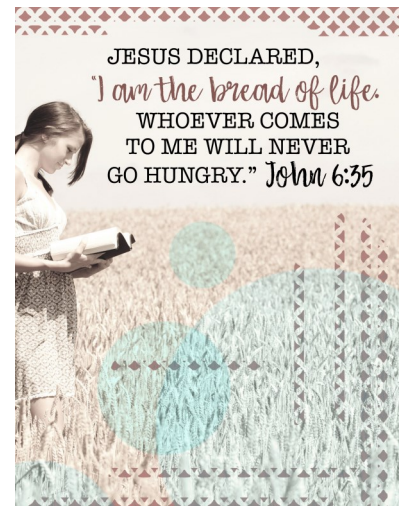
God of Rest

August is a weird month. We think of it as the last month when you can rest, and enjoy an empty(ish) calendar before the post-Labor Day chaos begins. But it can quickly become the last chance to get everything done. The month to squeeze that last ounce of rest and joy out of the summer, while at the same time using August as a month to get ready for the fall. We try and do everything all at once; rest and work, relaxation and preparation all at the same time.

How does God use August? What does He say about this struggle between rest and work, empty calendars and full schedules? If it was just an August problem, it might not be a worth talking about, but the struggle with rest is one we wrestle with constantly throughout our lives. God knew the issue of rest would be vital to our relationship with Him and all of creation so He built rest into His perfectly ordered creation in the very beginning.

And on the seventh day God finished His work that He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work that He had done. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all His work that He had done in creation. (Gen. 2:2-3)

This is not God needing a break because He was tired, this is our all-loving, all-knowing God placing rest into His creation for the benefit of His creation. Think about it. Even before sin entered the world, in the perfect very-goodness of creation, God created everything with rest as a part of His desired design. When we look at rest, and the last month of summer, in this light, we could go so far as to say that rest is an integral part of our relationship with God and those He places before us.



- Dates of Interest:**
- RLS Uniform Sale.....Aug 8-12
  - Coffeehouse..... Aug 9
  - Safe Families..... Aug 10
  - RLS First Day..... Aug 13
  - Taize Worship.....Aug 24
  - SS Teacher Training.....Aug 25
  - Youth Kick Off.....Aug 25
  - Sanctuary Choir.....Aug 28
  - RLP Parent Night.....Aug 29
  - Blind Ministry.....Aug 30

## 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](mailto: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.*



Yet, we often struggle with how to rest. How did Jesus rest? "And after Jesus had dismissed the crowd, He went up on the mountain to pray" (Mark 6:46). Jesus had just provided 5,000+ people with more than enough food, both physically and spiritually, then He rested and He took that rest with His heavenly Father. Jesus found a quiet place where He could talk with the Father and ask Him for the good rest He knew was needed.

From Jesus' example, we see that a proper rest is a rest with God. This has to happen more than just on Sunday. We should build this rest into the routines and habits of our day-to-day lives. In Matthew 11:28 Jesus says, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." A proper, Creator-God given, Son of God exemplified, rest is one where we come to God. It is a time that we curl up with the Word of God and hear Him speak to us. It is a time when you climb to the top of a mountain or sit on the back porch and tell your Father God about your day. It is a time when you walk on the greenway and cry your heart out to the Shepherd who always listens.

So, August is a month of rest, as is every month, because as God's people, we are a people of rest. In the business of your life, don't forget to take a break with your rest-giving God.

Your resting brother in Christ,  
Pastor Zach Sarrault



### + Constance Lydia Knuth +

May 29, 1943 - June 8, 2024

Constance "Connie" Lydia Knuth (née Rueter), aged 81, passed away on June 8, 2024, in Marietta, GA. She was born on May 29, 1943, in Springfield, IL, to Arlon Rueter and Lydia Helena Rueter (née Streufert).

Connie graduated from the Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing in St. Louis, MO, and worked as a Registered Nurse throughout her career. She settled into a love for nursing, spending most of her career specializing in allergy and asthma, working in Madison, WI, and later in Durham, NC. Connie celebrated over 50 years of marriage with the love of her life, Jim Knuth until he passed away in 2021. (Pastor Jim was RLC's Pastor Emeritus before fully retiring in 2017.)

A memorial service will be held on **Saturday, August 10, 2024**, at 10:00 am at Unity North Atlanta, with Rev. Avril Maynard officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to The [Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research](#).

Cards and condolences may be sent to Crista Callen, the oldest daughter, who cared for Connie the most (35 Green Chase Court, Roswell, GA 30015).

## Church Council News

### July 2024

In our July meeting, we received the joyous news that Resurrection Lutheran Church ended the FY23-24 Fiscal Year in the black for the first time in several years. Clearly, the General Fund Appeal during May and June was a huge success and the Council thanks all of you for making this success possible.

The Council also approved the Facility Management Team Charter and the Cross-Cultural Mission Engagement Team Charter. These documents are available for your perusal in the RCB website. (In RCB, under Entire Church Group, in Files.)

Finally, the Council has been working on a transition plan for the Resurrection Lutheran Church (RLC) Music Ministry as Bob Unger begins retirement and part time services at RLC this coming October. Coincidentally, Chris Reed is interested in enrolling in the LCMS SMP (Specific Ministry Pastor) Program, much like Pastor Alan did several years ago. This opportunity gives RLC more options to consider going forward to help backfill the areas Bob will leave behind (again, Bob's part time role will be Principal Organist and Music Director). Upon entering the program, Chris would become a Vicar. The goal is for Chris to become a Pastor so as to more effectively serve in the area of worship and music ministry. After many exchanges and discussions between the Council, Chris and Pastor Blanke, the Council approved Chris's submission to the SMP program. The financial commitment at this time is the cost of education. And much like those of Pastor Alan, these costs would come out of the Resurrection Lutheran Church Endowment Fund which is for this type of mission work. During the next 2-4 years of the SMP Process, Pastor Blanke and the Council will continue to work with Chris as he progresses in this ministerial training and Bob as he progresses into retirement to ensure Resurrection continues to have the wonderful music ministry God has blessed us with to give Him the Glory!

Your Council members are listed below and are willing to take questions and suggestions.

<b>Mike Haertling, President (505) 690-9929</b>	<b>Mark Dirks, Council Member (919) 345-5348</b>
<b>Lori Jannings, Vice President (919) 523-6619</b>	<b>Charles Miller, Council Member (919) 534-5649</b>
<b>Mike Hahne, Treasurer (919) 749-7666</b>	<b>Aaron Newcomb, Council Member (919) 645-8005</b>
<b>Mike Heffner, Secretary (469) 644-2049</b>	<b>Linda Mangino, Council Member (919) 538-0104</b>
<b>Tom Bolling, Council Member (847) 922-9555</b>	<b>Ex Officio: Margaret Hyatt, Operations Director (919) 851-7248</b>
	<b>Ex Officio: Pastor Jonathan Blanke, Sr. Pastor (301) 997-6687</b>

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### Job Opportunity

## Part-Time Position

### Seeking Worship Technology Assistant (Part-Time)

Resurrection Lutheran Church is pleased to announce that a part-time worship technology assistant position is now available and we are asking all interested applicants from within the RLC community to apply.

Please direct all inquiries to the church office ([office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org)) or to Pastor Jonathan, for details.



## Gifts & Memorials

### *For Gifts and Memorials*

In Memory of Eve Sommers

Howard and Arlene Lange  
Ray and Sue Lisiewski

### *For the Love Fund*

In Memory of Eve Sommers

Keith and Yvonne Braswell



## *Outreach Service to the Community*

### **Prison Alliance**

There's wonderful news to share with you! Thanks to incredible generosity and support, [CLI Prison Alliance](#) reached its goal of raising \$100,000 to purchase and send 20,000 Bibles to prisoners across the United States.

Each and every one of you who gave \$5 (the cost of one Bible) or more will help bring hope and transformation to incarcerated men and women. Our effort added \$1,200.

In addition, more than 40 used Bibles were put in the donation box under the coat rack. As always, the encouragement of Pastors Jonathan, Zach, and Alan made our campaign a success. Thank you once again on behalf of this mission.



**Prison Alliance**  
MAKING DISCIPLES WORLDWIDE

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## *Lutheran Women in Mission*

### **Carolinas District Convention**

#### **Lutheran Women in Mission ~ 69th Biennial Convention**

**September 20-21, 2024**

**Resurrection Lutheran Church**

The event begins with Registration at 4:00 pm Friday. There is 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, we will 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!

Questions? [LWML Carolinas District Convention 2024](#)

There are several ways to help with this event. If you are interested in how you may serve, contact Carol Bostick through RCB or church office ([office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org), 919-851-7248).

## Middle School and High School

### Youth Ministry News

I have just returned from the National Church Workers Convention in New Orleans, LA (aka Nationals 24). I am feeling so inspired by the amazing presenters from all over the US, the bible studies, the networking, new friendships, and so much more.

Youth and families, I hope you are ready to dive into an exciting year of activities, planning, trips, and of course Jesus! We will be focusing the year on *Hebrews 12:1-3* with a theme of ENDURE (also the theme of the 2025 Youth Gathering). We will be embracing the joy of being surrounded by the great cloud of witnesses, laying ourselves aside to see Jesus and his endurance of the cross for us — all of us.

August is the month of meetings and kicking things off! Watch @youthatrlc on Instagram, newsletters and announcements for all things RLC YOUTH.

#### RLC Youth Needs:

Sunday School Teachers, Middle School Adult Leaders, High School Adult Leaders, and Trip Adult Leaders

#### Coming Up:

- Middle School Youth Ministry Meetings  
Wednesday, August 7 at 7:00 pm or Sunday, August 11 at 12:30 pm
- High School Youth Ministry Meetings  
Thursday, August 8 at 7:00 pm or Sunday, August 11 at 5:00 pm
- Warehouse Clean Up Day  
Sunday, August 18 from 2:00-3:30 pm
- Kickoff  
Sunday, August 25 from 2:00-3:30 pm



## Happy Anniversary!

### August 5

Garett and Sandy Nigg  
35 years

### August 6

Greg and Shane Jarvis  
30 years

### August 18

Pete and Vicki Brady  
50 years

### August 21

Terry and Sandy Brummeyer  
53 years

### August 24

Garland and Ann Johnson  
66 years

### August 28

David and Leah Robison  
25 years

### August 29

Robert and Sally Cotton  
65 years

Ron and Carol Mitchell  
60 years

### August 31

Paul and Jan Wozniak  
67 years

Questions regarding our middle school and high school youth activities can be directed to Jenny Piontek, Youth Ministry Director, at [jenny.piontek@rlcary.org](mailto:jenny.piontek@rlcary.org) or 919-851-7248, ext. 24.

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

## Survey

Please take a moment to fill out the 2024 Children and Family Ministry Survey.

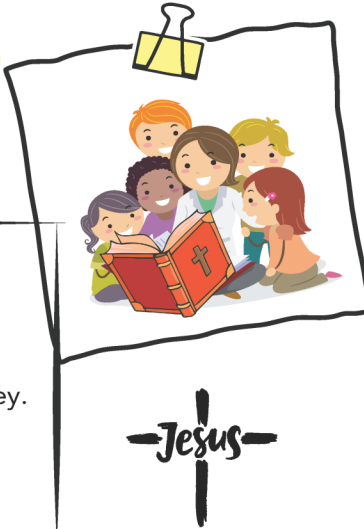
Your input will help us plan for the upcoming year!

[bit.ly/cfsurvey2425](https://bit.ly/cfsurvey2425)



TAKE SURVEY

Let the little children  
come to me.  
Matthew 19:14



## Registration

Registration is now open for the new school year!

Please take a minute to register your child(ren) for upcoming classes and activities.

[bit.ly/sundayschool2425](https://bit.ly/sundayschool2425)

## Volunteers

Want to make an impact in the lives of the children in our church?

Needs: nursery attendant  
teacher  
teacher helper  
leader of games & devotion

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



### Resurrection Lutheran Preschool

Diane Hooper, Director

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

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[office@rlpcary.org](mailto:office@rlpcary.org)



Resurrection Lutheran Preschool (RLP) is looking for caring, dependable individuals who enjoy working with young children. Enthusiasm, patience, and a love of working with and teaching 2-year-old to young 5-year-old children is important, as well as being part of the team of the RLP Staff.

Although a degree in early education would be ideal, experience with children is considered. Our program is half day and works well with elementary/high school families' schedules.

If interested or you know someone that may be interested, contact Diane Hooper at [director@rlpcary.org](mailto:director@rlpcary.org) or 919-851-7270. Resumes may be sent to this email address.

*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.*

## NEW YEAR

We hope that everyone has had a fantastic summer of fun and relaxation. Can you believe it? We are just a couple weeks away from another exciting school year. We are eagerly looking forward to the new academic year and the opportunities it will bring!

## NEW THEME

Our school theme this year is Choose JOY. We will be using the verse from Romans 15:13. Our focus will be on Prayer — Pray to **J**esus, Pray for **O**thers, Pray for **Y**ourself.



*May the God of hope fill you  
with all joy and peace as you trust  
in him, so that you may overflow  
with hope by the power  
of the Holy Spirit.*

*Romans 15:13 NIV*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- August 5** Welcome Staff Back
- August 12** Meet the Teacher
- August 13** First Day of School  
Early Release, 11:30 am
- August 14** First Day of Chapel
- August 30** Early Release, 11:30 am

### *Looking Ahead...*

- September 2** No School — Labor Day



Two weeks until the FIRST day of school??



## Resurrection Lutheran School

Robin Hester  
Principal

Rosie Creasy  
Director of Admissions/  
School Growth

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*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.*



## 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](https://rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship)



## LEARN MORE

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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](https://rlcary.org/ministries/online-giving)
- Download the Vanco Mobile app to transfer funds from your account

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

## SOCIAL MEDIA



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Newsletter deadline is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Please send submissions to [susan.moore@rlcary.org](mailto:susan.moore@rlcary.org).

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