Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost August 4, 2024



Pastor's Corner for August 4-10, 2024

The summer before I started high school mom, dad, my brother Nick, and I loaded up in the Toyota Sienna and drove out west for three whole weeks to as many national parks as possible. Starting off in Adrian, Michigan, we made it to the Badlands, Zion, Bryce, and Grand Canyons, Arches National Park, and so much more. Experiencing the awesomeness of God's beautiful creation with my family is a memory I will never forget.

You know what else I'll never forget? The lunches. Mom is a very good planner, especially when it came to big vacations. Everything was well thought out and prepared for, and on a trip of this length, we were on a budget. So, every lunch, for three whole weeks, we had ham and cheese sandwiches from the cooler in the back of the minivan. THREE WEEKS OF HAM AND CHEESE!! For years, it has been a family joke that none of us have had ham and cheese since then.

While it is a joke now, I remember grumbling every time we pulled over for lunch. I would miss the wide-open spaces of Yellowstone or the unique forms of

the rock in Arches, the stories that surrounded me at another historic site, or the simple fact that our family was growing up and vacations like this would be limited. I missed the innumerable gifts of God because I was too busy grumbling about another ham and cheese sandwich.

It's a good thing God knows how to deal with grumbling people. Not long after God freed His people from slavery in Egypt, they started grumbling because they didn't have anything to eat. Do you remember what God gave them? No, it wasn't ham and cheese sandwiches, it was manna, "a fine flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground" (Ex. 16:14). Do you remember how long they ate this manna? Way longer than three weeks. FORTY YEARS OF MANNA!! That's how long they ate this food. God gave them this meal because they were grumbling and complaining about their lack, so God provided, even if it wasn't in the way they were expecting.

How often do we do this? Whether it be after three weeks of the same lunch or forty years of monotony, do you grumble against God? If you said "no", I might need to call your bluff. All Christians complain against God at one time or another. All Christians get angry at God and what He is or is not doing. It's a part of the relationship with our Father God. Part of that relationship is also God providing for us so that we "shall know that I am the Lord your God" (Ex. 16:12). That's why God fed the Israelites with manna, so that they would know who He is, and that is why God still feeds us today.

Whenever we grumble and complain against God, when we are tired of the ways of this world, when we are tired of the people God gives us, when we are fearful of the outcome of life, God answers with the food of His Word. God gives us something to eat. He hands us His Word, the Holy Bible, and says, "Here, eat this. Eat the food that has never changed and that always fills. Eat the only food that I have ever promised. Eat my Word that gives life." Some days, it might taste as bland as ham and cheese or manna, other days it might be the finest tasting meal that ever touched your lips, but it is always life-giving, and its purpose is always the same, so that we may know that the Lord is our God.

Your grumbling-yet-fed brother in Christ, Pastor Zach Sarrault

Prayers of the Church

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) or to Pastor Jonathan, for details.



The Coffeehouse for Special Needs Adults

Friday, August 9

We thank all our volunteers who help us to have wonderful Coffeehouses! We couldn't do it without our faithful volunteers. Please join us! 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

The next Coffeehouse is **Friday**, **August 9** from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Family Life Center gym. We will have A *Touch of Brass* play for us!

Questions? Contact Brenda Peterson through RCB or the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).



Safe Families for Children

Saturday, August 10

A training session for Safe Families for Children will be held on **Saturday**, **August 10** in the Fellowship Hall. For new volunteers, meet from 9:00 am-3:00 pm. Current volunteers are also invited to attend from 10:30 am-12:00 pm and stay for lunch.

Todd Valentine from Catalyst for Harmony will be teaching on *Cross-Cultural Compassion*: *Bridging Cultures with Care*. This is one of the four training topics identified by volunteers as essential to thriving as we serve. All active volunteers are highly encouraged to attend one of these growth opportunities a year.

Please RSVP to Dan Shaltanis, RLC Contact for Safe Families, at dshaltanis@att.net.



RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH - CARY







Adult Game Night

August 11, 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 (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).

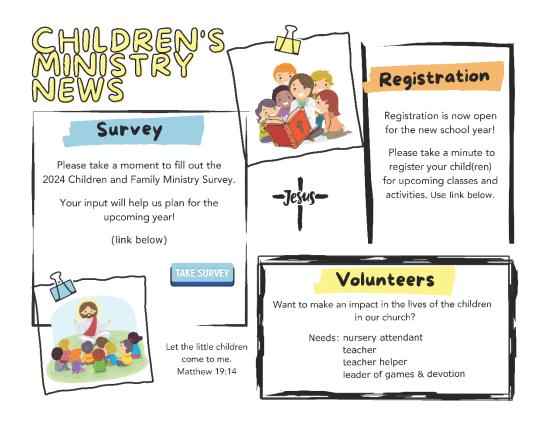


RLC Worship Servants and Training

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:

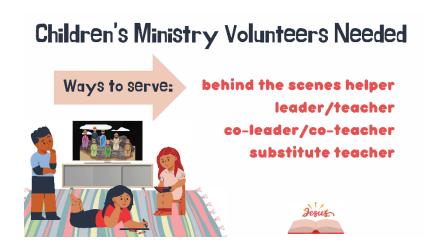
- Saturday, 6:00 pm Lori Jannings
- Sunday, 8:00 am Brenda Peterson
- Sunday, 9:30 am Dara Linn
- Sunday, 11:00 am Suzi Heffner

You may also contact the church office (office@rlcary.org, 919-851-7248) for assistance.



Survey: bit.ly/cfsurvey2425

Sunday School Registration: bit.ly/sundayschool2425



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

Youth Ministry

Middle School and High School





See all the fun we have!

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

Resurrection Lutheran Preschool

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 <u>director@rlpcary.org</u> or 919-851-7270. Resumes may be sent to this email address.



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Resurrection Lutheran School



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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, July 27 6:00 pm - 51

Sunday, July 28 8:00 am - 62 9:30 am - 133 11:00 am - 82

Total In-Person Worship: 328

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, July 28 8:00 am - 103 11:00 am - 43

Total Online Views: 146 views

Church Calendar





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Prayers of the Church – August 4, 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, Ames, Doug Gill, Emily, *Alison Whatley, Joe Huley

For Expectant Moms

Jessica, Taylor Stephani

Those Prayed for on July 28, 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 Brennan Drengler and Erin Darnell
- Rain
- John Crandall's Engagement to Molly Leonard
- New Job

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

- 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, Recovery
- Doug Gill, Cancer Treatment
- *Helen Campbell
- Joan Gresens, Mother of *Phil Gresens
- Terrie Johnson, Mother of *Jen Kirby
- *Cheri Spitz
- *Alison Whatley
- *Dianna Spirovich, Recovery
- *Sally Cotton
- Alice, Sister of *Keith Leister
- Dave B.
- Lynn, Recovery from Surgery
- Walt, Upcoming Surgery
- Brian, Karl, Linda, Ricky, Bill, Mindy, Pam, David, Willy, Pam, Paul, Doug, Imma, Gene, Lois, Joey, Kathleen, Noreen, Sylvia, Joann, Shelby, Mark, Ken, Harold, Eric, Connie, Brenda, Paige, Virginia, Dave, Lyn, Jack

For Comfort

- Friends and Family of Connie Knuth, Wife of RLC's Former Pastor Emeritus, Jim Knuth
- Friends and Family of John Pedersen
- Friends and Family of Barry Munns

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 Comfort
- Our Country
- All Affected by Tropical Storm Beryl, Power Outages, Flooding, Property Damage
- Blind Ministry
- Students Preparing to Return to College Campuses
- Young People Looking for Jobs
- Those Waiting for Test Results
- *The Xenakis Family

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
 <u>Click here for the Trump's Newsletter!</u>

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 Updated 8/2/24