

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

August 11, 2024



Pastor's Corner for August 11-17, 2024

Get Up and Eat (1 Kings 19:1-8)

I remember after a surgery I had last year how my surgeon instructed me to try eating again, once I was ready. Truth is, I didn't have much of an appetite at first. Pain meds already administered had slowed my system down. "Robust exercise" was not permitted even had I WANTED to engage in it. Real changes to my insides had occurred that I could still feel, and food was not at the top of my priority list! But my surgeon reassured me. She told me that the ability and desire to eat would return. "Once you're ready for steak, have steak!" she said. How wonderful it was to eat again! With real food came renewed vigor.

Many of us may have grown up with an image of Old Testament judges, kings, queens and prophets as people akin to superheroes... folks impervious to the ordinary trials and travails of lesser mortals like us. If so, the image of Elijah in our

appointed Old Testament reading today will not be easy to contemplate. Elijah took part in Yahweh's defeat of the priests of Baal. God had revealed to him the end of Israel's drought. He had even seen the rain fall! But instead of a happy ending to these events, the earthly authorities have now put a death sentence on Elijah's head! Not surprisingly, Elijah is scared, confused, and conflicted. No sooner does he run for his life (19:3) than he prays the Lord would "take away his life" (19:4)! Elijah feels he and his ministry to Israel are finished. God, as we see, had other ideas!

Perhaps your journey with God seemed at one time like it should have been your own superhero's story, but you discovered it wasn't. You encountered disappointments rather than happy endings. People don't need a death sentence hanging over them to experience fear and despair. But what we can all learn through Elijah at times like these is that we're never alone in feeling afraid or anxious, or overwhelmed. Even the Bible's "superheroes" have been there. The world might sucker punch us in the gut and end up rearranging our insides. But God reassures us that life goes on. He still has a plan. He doesn't chide us or rush our recovery. He waits. And when the time is right, he says it: Get up. Eat. Take the nourishment for your bodies and souls that only I have to offer. His message might even bear repeating, as it did for Elijah. No matter how we feel, or what we've lost, or what we're dreading, or what we've done, God has a plan for our future.

Once again, this week, through Jesus Christ our Bread of Life, the table is set and the gifts of God for our body and soul are there for us to enjoy! In addition to all the gifts for this body and life we so readily take for granted, His Spirit-breathed Word and bottomless cup of mercy are always ours to receive, too.

How wonderful to eat and enjoy! With real Food comes renewed vigor... unto Life everlasting!

"For Ongoing Mission and Outreach Efforts" Request for Prayers

You may notice a new category in the regular list of weekly prayers published in these Announcement pages. It is entitled, "For Ongoing Mission and Outreach Efforts." I encourage you to submit prayer requests on behalf of special outreach efforts undertaken in the name of Christ that either you or those you love are

currently engaged in. This could be on behalf of those engaged in mission trips or even for special mission initiatives/outreach right here in our own community.

My hope and prayer is that this will become a reminder that our prayers are an important part of our congregation's own mission engagement with the world. Many thanks!

In peace and joy,
Pastor Jonathan

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.



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).



It is with great sadness and in Christian love and hope that we announce that our brother in Christ, **Barry Munns**, was called to rest with Jesus on July 19.

Funeral will be held on **Saturday, August 17** at 2:00 pm at Raleigh Memorial Park, 7501 Glenwood Avenue, Raleigh.

Please keep his loved ones in your prayers.

Discover Your Love Language

Wednesday, August 28

We invite you to an evening with Dr. Gary Chapman, Author of *The 5 Love Languages*, on **Wednesday, August 28** from 7:00-9:00 pm at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 2920 NC Highway 42 W, Clayton, NC. Register: bit.ly/3RLugj5

This is a free event, but Holy Cross is asking everyone who attends to bring one item of food, such as canned fruits, vegetables, meats, or stews, for their Backpack Buddies Ministry. Sponsored by the Thrivent Member Network–Southeast Region.

Plan to attend an unforgettable evening filled with insights, inspiration, and the opportunity to connect with renowned relationship expert, Gary Chapman, as he delves into the transformative power of the "5 Love Languages."



Food & Fellowship for the Blind



Resurrection's Ministry for
the Visually Impaired meets

Friday, August 30

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).

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 - District Convention Central 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, 919-851-7248).

News from the Human Care Committee

Tools4Schools

School Supply Drive, July 9-August 26

School will be starting soon at Resurrection Lutheran School and Wake County. If you would like to donate school supplies for Wake County Teachers, consider Tools4Schools. Visit their website for more information at wakeed.org/tools4schools.

This organization accepts new supplies and gently used office/school supplies to supplement classroom needs. All Wake County Staples Stores and the Office Depot stores in Apex and Cary have donation bins for you to deposit your supplies. In Holly Springs, you can drop off school supplies at The Masonic Lodge, 224 Raleigh Street. There is a container on the front porch for Tools4Schools drop-offs.

BACK ^{to} SCHOOL ^{with} Tools **4** Schools

2024 Neighbors Helping Neighbors Charity Golf Tournament
Western Wake Crisis Ministry
Monday, September 16 at MacGregor Downs Country Club

Ways to participate:

- Be a Sponsor
- Reserve a Team
- Support a Family for 30 days
- Simply Donate

Visit wwcm.org/golf for more information.



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.

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!

(link below)

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. Use link below.

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

Survey: bit.ly/cfsurvey2425

Sunday School Registration: bit.ly/sundayschool2425

Children's Ministry Volunteers Needed



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

Youth Ministry

Middle School and High School

Middle School Youth Ministry
Where fun and faith are one

★ **ALL MS Youth and PARENTS!**
Sun, August 11 @ 12:30pm

Information to be covered:

- Schedule for 2024-2025
- CONFIRMATION
- Fall Retreat
- Forms

Room 240

A blue poster with white and yellow text. At the top left, there are diagonal yellow and blue lines. The main text is centered. There is a trumpet icon to the left of the first date and a pair of glasses icon to the right of the word 'or'. At the bottom right, there are diagonal yellow and blue lines.

High School Meetings
ALL HS Youth & Parents!

 **Sunday, Aug. 11 @ 5pm**
or 
Wednesday, Aug. 14 @ 7pm

Information that will be covered:
*2025 Youth Gathering to NOLA
*Fall HS Retreat
*Schedule for 2024-2025
*Change in Schedule*Participation Forms

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



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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, August 3

6:00 pm - 32

Sunday, August 4

8:00 am - 80

9:30 am - 146

11:00 am - 117

Total In-Person Worship: 375

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, August 4

8:00 am - 104

11:00 am - 48

Total Online Views: 152 views

Church Calendar



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Prayers of the Church – August 11, 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 August 4, 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
- 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
- *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, Recovery
- Doug Gill, Cancer Treatment
- *Helen Campbell
- Joan Gresens, Mother of *Phil Gresens
- Terrie Johnson, Mother of *Jen Kirby
- *Cheri Spitz
- *Alison Whatley
- *Sally Cotton
- Alice, Sister of *Keith Leister
- Dave B.
- Lynn, Recovery from Surgery
- Gene, Lois, Karen, Paul, Joey, Tony, Lynn, Mark, Paul, Ken, Harold, Walt, Rose, Eric, Connie, Brenda, Doug, joe, Corey, Dave, Lyn, Pam, Steve

For Comfort

- Friends and Family of Connie Knuth, Wife of RLC's Former Pastor Emeritus, Jim Knuth
- Friends and Family of Barry Munns
- Friends and Family of Franco Fiorentino, Father of *Lisa Card

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 and Leaders
- All Affected by Tropical Storm Beryl, Power Outages, Flooding, Property Damage
- *The Xenakis Family

- Lyn and Bonnie
- Janice
- Peace in Family
- Prayers for Mother, Mary
- Spiritual Help

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 Ongoing Mission and Outreach Efforts

- Newly Deployed Missionaries to the Dominican Republic, Stan and Dana Stigdon

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.*