

# Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 25, 2024

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*Pastor's Corner for August 25-31, 2024*

## **Foolishness in ALL of Us (Psalm 14, Romans 3:1-28)**

Sometimes to find true Wisdom it helps to read the Old Testament through the “lens” of the New. Psalm 14 is one great example of that. At first glance it appears as if this Psalm is written only to turn our attention to the folly of “atheists”: “The fool says in his heart ‘There is no God’” (14:1). That message is helpful, of course, but only up to a point. As we read on in Psalm 14, we see St. Paul finding a more important insight in this Psalm that he highlights in his letter to the Romans: “None is righteous, no, not one” (3:10; cf. Ps 14:3). No one does good, St. Paul is saying. Not you. Not me. No one.

It's a sobering message... but a freeing one. Being God's Easter people means humbly and truthfully admitting our faults. It means seeing our need for newness of life and resurrection. It's like being human and recognizing our need to breathe. Our spiritual lungs are empty should we ever stop breathing in the gift of God's forgiveness! Nobody LIKES to come face-to-face with the truth that, apart from Jesus, none of us measures up in God's eyes. But that is at the center of the Christian faith journey. Luther famously wrote that Jesus' command to repent entailed that the entire life of believers was to be one of repentance (the first of his 95 Theses). Many self-help blogs will perpetuate the myth that all we need to live is inside our hearts already. It is tempting to buy into that lie. True Wisdom comes from a different location.

God-gifted humility for all starts with the cross of Jesus and His empty tomb. In the face of a challenging situation you're encountering right now, how is God calling you to be wiser? How empty are your spiritual lungs? Are you ready for a breath of fresh air?

In peace and joy,  
Pastor Jonathan

**Prayers of the Church**

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It is with great sadness and in Christian love and hope that we announce that our brother in Christ, **Bill Xenakis**, was called to rest with Jesus on August 12.

A Celebration of Life in Christ will be held on **Saturday, August 24** at 11:00 am. The family will be available to greet guests in the Narthex starting at 10:30 am. Reception in the Family Life Center immediately following the service in the main sanctuary. All are welcome.

Our prayers are with his wife, Fran, and all their family members at this time.



## **Saturday, August 24**

We will use the Taize format of worship for the Saturday, 6:00 pm service.

A darkened setting with candles, singing of short ostinato refrains of Biblical and liturgical phrases, periods of quiet for reflection, the celebration of communion, readings, and sermon.

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## Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

### SUNDAY

#### **Book of Revelation**

Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am - Fellowship Hall

September 8-October 20 (No Class September 29, October 6)

Pastor Jonathan Blanke, Pastor Zach Sarrault

### MONDAY

#### **Monday Night Women's Bible Study**

Mondays, 7:00-8:00 pm - Room 151, Family Life Center & Zoom

*The Rock Speaks* - September 9-November 11

Jamee Thieme, Sharon Hahne, Dawn Leister

#### **Men's Weekly Study and Fellowship**

Mondays, 7:00-8:15 pm - Room 240, Family Life Center

*A Study of Heroes of the Faith* - September 9-October 14

*First Night Start with a Potluck at 6:30 pm*

Mark Otten, Tom Gebbia

### TUESDAY

#### **Tuesday Morning Bible Study**

Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 am - Fellowship Hall

Starting September 3, Ongoing

Pastor Jonathan Blanke, Pastor Zach Sarrault

### WEDNESDAY

#### **Intentional Parenting**

Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm - Room 240, Family Life Center

September 4-November 20

Pastor Zach Sarrault, Erika Hulse

**Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis**

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm - Fellowship Hall

September 4-October 23

Tim Kearby

**Men With Kids - The Book of Job**

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm - Room 247, Family Life Center

September 4-October 23

Tom Gebbia

**Grace-full Women**

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm - Room 251, Family Life Center

September 4-October 23

Shane Jarvis

**This Is the Church**

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm - Room 140, Family Life Center

September 18 and 25, October 9 and 16 Only (No Class October 2)

Pastor Jonathan Blanke

Christian Education Listing and Registration Cards will be distributed before Services on August 24/25 and August 31/September 1.

[Christian education information, including class descriptions, can be found here.](#)

Any questions can be directed to the church office at [office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org) or 919-851-7248.

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## 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](https://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](mailto:office@rlcary.org)).

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RLC is starting a drama group that will perform short chancel dramas in various services throughout the year. Anyone interested in joining this group is invited to attend a quick informational meeting on **Tuesday, September 3** at 6:30 pm in Room 151, Family Life Center.

We'll discuss plans and ideas for the upcoming year. This group is open to anyone high school-aged and up. Rehearsals will be Tuesday evenings.

If interested and you cannot attend, please reach out to Tyler Timm through RCB or the church office (919-851-7248, [office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org)).

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## Supper and Scripture

Our newly renamed Wednesday evening dinners will start on **September 4 from 5:30-6:00 pm** in the Family Life Center Gym.

Suggested donation of \$7 per person or \$25 maximum per family. Please RSVP through [rlcary.org](http://rlcary.org) or to the church office by Monday evening.

The first dinner will be Danny's BarBQ - pulled pork, potato salad, hush puppies, salad, rolls, fruit, and banana pudding.

We all have busy schedules and being able to have a family sit down dinner is always a blessing. *Please join us!*

## Help Needed

We need 3-4 people to help cover and set the tables, make coffee, fill water pitchers, and help move the food to the buffet table.

**Wednesdays, September 4-November 20, 4:15-5:15 pm**

It is ok, if you can only help a couple times a month.

**Sign Up:** [signupgenius.com/go/4090B48AAAB292-wednesday#/](http://signupgenius.com/go/4090B48AAAB292-wednesday#/)

Questions? Contact Kim Simpson through RCB or the church office (919-851-7248, [office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org)).

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## Coffeehouse for Special Needs Adults

Friday, September 13

We thank all our volunteers who help us to have wonderful Coffeehouses! We couldn't do it without our faithful volunteers. Please come be a volunteer! 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](https://bit.ly/3kqoHGN)

The next Coffeehouse is **Friday, September 13** from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Family Life Center gym.

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



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### Lutheran Women in Mission 69th Biennial Convention

September 20-21, 2024

Resurrection Lutheran Church

*Resurrection Lutheran Women*, you are invited to register and attend this convention!

The Keynote Speaker is Deb Burma, Christian Author and Bible Study Leader. Her book, *Be Still and Know*, will be featured.

Mission Projects for the next two years will be chosen and supported by our Mite Box donations.

Families Together will be the recipient of Gifts from the Heart.

Registration forms can be found on the RLW Bookcase in the hallway near the restrooms. RLW *will assist* in the Registration Fee, so that many may attend. Contact Carol Bostick.

*Come and meet Lutheran Women from both North and South Carolinas!*

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.



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](mailto:office@rlcary.org), 919-851-7248).

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## Help support Missionaries

### Mark and Megan Mantey !

Mark and Megan will be visiting North Carolina at the end of September.

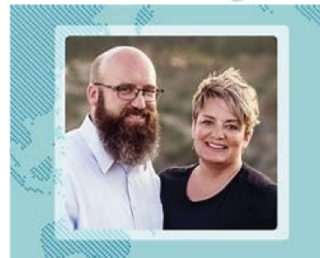
We are seeking donations of gift cards to bless their visit.

If you are willing to donate a gift card, there will be collection boxes at each worship service until September 25.



#### Suggested gift cards:

- Gas
- Grocery
- Target
- Walmart
- Amazon
- Starbucks
- Chik-fil-a



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## 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](http://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* **Tools4Schools**

**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](http://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](mailto: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](https://bit.ly/cfsurvey2425)

Sunday School Registration: [bit.ly/sundayschool2425](https://bit.ly/sundayschool2425)

# Children's Ministry Volunteers Needed



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

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## Youth Ministry

Middle School and High School

Hello, RLC Youth Families!

Please take a moment to read the through the Youth Newsletter (sent through email) for important registration info, how to get connected, upcoming events, and our September calendar of events.

The Youth Participant Form is for any Youth registering for the LCMS YOUTH GATHERING only.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out or stop by The Warehouse from 12:30-1:30 pm this Sunday, August 25.

I am praying for a joy filled start to this new school year for each of you!



*[See all the fun we have!](#)*

Questions? Contact Ms. Jenny, Youth Director  
[jenny.piontek@rlcary.org](mailto:jenny.piontek@rlcary.org) or 919-851-7248, ext. 24.

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## Resurrection Lutheran Preschool

### Feed Your Family and Help RLP!

- Stop by the Chick-fil-A at Waverly Place  
on **Thursday, August 29** from 5:00-8:00 pm.
- Place your order on your Chick-fila App  
(\*order must be through your mobile app).
- Tap "Support Community Care Event"

and you've earned money for RLP. It's that simple!

# Community Care Event

Thursday, August 29, 2024  
5 pm - 8 pm

Come join the community for food and fun and a portion of tonight's sales will be donated to Resurrection Lutheran Preschool! Place a mobile order through the app and tap "Support Community Care Event" to donate.



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## Resurrection Lutheran School

The RLS PSO is selling GoPlaySave Books (\$35) and App Access (\$30), which grants you access to over \$12,500 worth of coupon savings for area restaurants, services, and activities.

The PSO earns \$12-14 of every app or book sold, and all funds earned support the PSO's activities and programs at Resurrection Lutheran School. [Access the RLS PSO GoPlaySave Storefront today!](#)



## New Beginnings for Junior Kindergarten!



[rlscary.org](http://rlscary.org) | 919-851-7271 | [contact@rlscary.org](mailto:contact@rlscary.org)

## Latest Lion's Tale

A graphic with a background of a sunset over a body of water. The text is as follows:

# WORSHIP SERVICES

<b>Traditional Worship in Sanctuary</b>	<b>Praise Worship in Family Life Center</b>
<b>Saturday, 6:00 pm</b>	<b>Sunday, *11:00 am</b>
<b>Sunday, *8:00 &amp; 9:30 am</b>	

*\*Services Live Streamed to YouTube*

For online services, connect through our YouTube channel at [youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC](https://youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC)

or through our website at  
[rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship](http://rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship).

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## This Week's Visual Faith Sheet

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### Weekly Attendance

#### In-Person Worship Attendance

Saturday, August 17

6:00 pm - 45

Sunday, August 18

8:00 am - 62

9:30 am - 137

11:00 am - 87

**Total In-Person Worship: 331**

#### Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, August 18

8:00 am - 122

11:00 am - 52

**Total Online Views: 174 views**

## Financial Update - Fiscal 2024/25

### July 2024

Budgeted Giving to Date: \$112,375.00

Actual Giving to Date: \$104,071.00

**Current Over/(Under) Giving: \$(8,304.00)**

Budgeted Expenses to Date: \$120,833.33

Actual Expenses to Date: \$117,672.00

**Current Under/(Over) Spend: \$3,161.33**

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

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## Church Calendar



100 Lochmere Drive West, Cary NC 27518

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

919-851-7248 | [office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org)

## **Prayers of the Church – August 25, 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, 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**

Taylor Stephani

#### **Those Prayed for on August 18, 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
- Christmas in July Donations and Generosity of Our RLC Family
- Birth of Emma Rose, \*Keith Leister's Nephew's Baby
- Birth of Skye Dawn Watts Leister, Parents Kyle and Jessica, Granddaughter of \*Keith and \*Dawn Leister
- Blessings on a New School Year at Resurrection Lutheran Preschool and Resurrection Lutheran School

#### **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, Healing
- \*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, Comfort and Peace
- \*Sally Cotton
- Alice, Sister of \*Keith Leister
- Dave B.
- Lynn, Recovery from Surgery
- Amanda, Upcoming Surgery
- Dan Meier, Healing from Bike Accident
- Walt, Recovery from Surgery
- Gene and Lois, Paul, Mindy, Doug, Imma, Brian, Anne, Ed, Pam, Skye, Cheryl, Karen, Lynne, Jonathan, Jessica, Dan, Amanda, Kathleen, Noreen, Syliva, Jimmy, Shelby, Mark, Ken, Harold, Lynn, Clare, Aidan, Virginia, Suzie

### **For Comfort**

- Friends and Family of \*Bill Xenakis, Especially Wife \*Fran and Daughter \*Anne Marie Measmer

### **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
- \*The Xenakis Family
- For the Filling of Open Resurrection Lutheran Preschool Positions
- Remembering Eve Sommers, 96th Birthday on August 18

**For the Lord's Wisdom, Guidance, and 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
- Blind Ministry
- Coffeehouse Ministry

**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.*