

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 8, 2024



Pastor's Corner for September 8-14, 2024

Faith that Works (James 2:1-18)

This week we dive right into the famous text that “faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead” (James 2:17). Labor Day, a national holiday on which we give thanks for the blessings of work in every form, is, by now, over and done with. But this week James 2 not only gives us the chance to understand work and the doing of good works better. It invites us to consider the relationship between our work and the gifts of God that animate and enliven us.

Martin Luther saw so many people of his day distracted by a kind of spiritual workaholicism. He worried that many of his fellow Christians tried to defend faith as an attempt to fulfill the demands of an angry God by misreading texts like James

2:17. So he even declared James to be a “right strawy epistle” (Der Septemberbibel, 1522). In so doing, Luther wasn’t saying the book of James should not be in the Bible. And he wasn’t saying that doing good works wasn’t important. His point was that reducing Christianity to a moralizing principle, as so many of his day were doing, would always be a misreading of the Scriptures... and ultimately, even the book of James.

Every faith in the world has something positive to say about good works done on behalf of others. But only one confesses God Almighty to have performed the most sacrificial form of loving work imaginable in the person of His own dear Son... who suffered, died on a cross, and rose from dead. That, of course, is the Christian faith! Christ not only will raise the dead on the last day. The Lord of life raises even dead faith to the living, breathing, and, yes, working faith that we long to live out each day.

James calls all who are “dead tired” from working at the Golden Rule to something new: the gift of faith that works. It’s for those not working for a judge but who live under the “law of liberty” (2:12): people who know they are loved. Rather than judge others and consider some more worthy of our attention than others, James encourages us to a living, active, faith that works and makes a difference for ALL the people God puts in our paths. At RLC there are many ways to do that. Coffeehouse, Ministry to the Visually Impaired, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, “Read-a-Book/Get-a-Book,” Habitat for Humanity, are just a few. Better yet: look out for that person in need at home, on the job, in your neighborhood, in the grocery store checkout, or in your doctor’s office. There’s no telling when or where the call to live out a working faith may come! Resting in the undeserved mercy of our Savior and King, let’s look forward to seeing where God might put our faith to work again this week.

In peace and joy,
Pastor Jonathan

Prayers of the Church



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-ful 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 2 and 9 Only

Pastor Jonathan Blanke

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

[Download the Christian Education Fall 2024, Block 1 Sheet.](#)

Paper copies are available at the Information Centers in the Narthex and Family Life Center Lobby.

Any questions can be directed to the church office at office@rlcary.org or 919-851-7248.

Adult Game Night

September 8, 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).



Supper & Scripture Wednesday Evening Activities Schedule

5:00-5:30 pm
Jubilee Bells, Sanctuary

5:15-6:00 pm
Dinner, Gym

5:30-6:00 pm
Rainbow Choir, Sanctuary
Sonshine Singers, Choir Room

6:00-7:00 pm
Kidz Live, RM 151
Middle School Youth, Warehouse
Intentional Parenting, RM 240

6:30-7:30 pm Adult Christian Ed
Mere Christianity, Fellowship Hall
Men with Kids, RM 247
Grace-ful Women, RM 251

6:30-7:30 pm
Heavenly Handbells, Sanctuary

7:00-8:00 pm
Confirmation, RM 240

7:30-8:45 pm
Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary

Wednesday Evening Dinner

The Wednesday evening dinners are back! Plan to attend on **Wednesdays, 5:15-6:00 pm** in the Family Life Center Gym. All are welcome!

Suggested donation of \$7 per person or \$25 maximum per family. Cash, check, or card payable at door. Please RSVP through rlcary.org or to the church office by Monday Noon.

Menu for September:

September 11

Roasted Chicken with Potatoes and Carrots, Salad, Fruit, and Pie

September 18

Bocci's Lasagna and Penne Marinara, Garlic Bread, Salad, Fruit, and Cheesecake

September 25

Burgers & Dogs, Mac & Cheese, Chips, Salad, Fruit, and Cookies

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#/

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

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

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).





Activities at RLC - Get Involved!

Weekly

- Men's Weekly (Study and Fellowship) - Mondays, 7:00 pm in Room 240, Family Life Center
- Bagel Bunch (Fellowship) - Tuesdays, 7:30 am at Java Jive
- Men with Kids (Study and Fellowship) - Wednesdays, 6:30 pm in Room 247, Family Life Center

Monthly

- **Men's Breakfast** (Food, Music, Message, Fellowship) - 2nd Saturdays, 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall

Saturday, September 14 at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall

Annually

- Men's Retreat and Service Event (Service, Fellowship, Study, Food) - March 7-9, 2025 at Camp Agape

Periodic

- Service and Fellowship Events - Look for Group Announcements in RCB, Church Weekly Announcements Monthly Newsletter

Get Connected

- Contact Leadership at mens-ministry@rlcary.org or Tom Gebbia through RCB

- Consider joining specific RCB groups for improved communications (Men's Ministry, RSP, etc.).

You can let Tom know or contact the church office at 919-851-7248 to make the request.

Lutheran Women in Mission 69th Biennial Convention

September 20-21, 2024

Resurrection Lutheran Church

Members of RLC are invited to join a Communion Worship Service on Friday, September 20 at 7:00 pm. It will be the opening celebration of the 69th Carolinas District Convention for Lutheran Women in Mission to be held here at Resurrection. LCMS Southeastern District President, Rev. Dr. Bill Harmon, will be the proclaimer. A reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall following worship. *Plan to attend!*

Resurrection Lutheran Women are invited to register and attend the District Convention. 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 through RCB or the church office (office@rlcary.org, 919-851-7248).

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



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

Mission Fair
Mark & Megan Mantey
Kenya Africa

Give here: 

Join for a presentation,
food, & fun!

September 29, 2024
9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall



News from the Human Care Committee

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.



September Children's Ministry News

Important Dates!

- Sept. 4 1st Kidz Live Room 151
- Sept. 8 First Sunday School Class -
Blessing of Educators & Learners
- Sept. 11 Kidz Live & KICKS (3rd-4th grade)
- Sept. 22 Bible Buddy Adoption 9:30-12 room 151
- Sept. 28-29 Bible Distribution *
- Oct. 2-5:30pm Hands on Bible Class (2nd graders)

Don't forget!

Please sign your children up for Sunday School using the link below.



Milestone Bible Distribution

On September 28 & 29 in all services 3 year old and 2nd grade Bibles will be distributed to children. Children and parents will be called forward to receive a Bible from the church staff.

Sunday School for Children and Youth

Preschool - Room 132
Kindergarten-1st Grade - Room 135
2nd-3rd Grade - Room 131
4th-5th Grade - Room 133
6th-12th Grade - The Warehouse

Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am
Classes held in the Family Life Center



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

Youth Ministry
Middle School and High School



RLC Youth **SEPTEMBER**
Welcome back!

Ecclesiastes 4:12
"And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him--a threefold cord is not quickly broken."

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH
Youth Group Dates:
Wednesdays
6:00 - 7:00pm
Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH
Youth Group Dates:
Sundays
5:00 - 6:30pm
Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29

Sunday School
Sundays
9:30-10:30am
Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29

Youth Gathering
Deadline to register:
September 15

First Meeting:
September 22
4:00pm

DEADLINES!

SEPT 4! Middle School
Fall Retreat

SEPT 15! High School
Fall Retreat/Youth Gathering

Service:
Acolyte Training
Sept. 18 @ 7pm

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

Resurrection Lutheran Preschool

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. Classes available for 2-year - 5 year olds. Call for a tour today!



Cheri Spitz, former Resurrection Lutheran Preschool Director, will be recognized with a Bench Dedication and Farewell on **Sunday, September 15** at the 11:00 am service. Hope to see you there!



rlpcary.org | 919-851-7270 | office@rlpcary.org

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!](#)



Victory feels even sweeter
on the bus ride home!
Our Lady Lions fought hard
and brought home the win.
Proud of this team and
their teamwork on and off
the court.



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 31
6:00 pm - 50

Sunday, September 1
8:00 am - 68

9:30 am - 100
11:00 am - 107

Total In-Person Worship: 325

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, September 1
8:00 am - 107
11:00 am - 53

Total Online Views: 160 views

Financial Update - Fiscal 2024/25

August 2024

Budgeted Giving to Date: \$224,750.00
Actual Giving to Date: \$213,237.69
Current Over/(Under) Giving: \$(11,512.31)

Budgeted Expenses to Date: \$241,666.67
Actual Expenses to Date: \$242,409.08
Current Under/(Over) Spend: \$(742.41)

Questions? Contact finance@rlcary.org.

Church Calendar



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Prayers of the Church – September 6, 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 September 1, 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
- *Bob and *Marie Bruce as They Transition to Living in Utah, Safe Travels
- Jan and Paul Wozniak's 67th Anniversary
- Daughter's 23rd Birthday

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 at Home
- Doug Gill, Cancer Treatment
- *Helen Campbell
- Joan Gresens, Mother of *Phil Gresens
- Terrie Johnson, Mother of *Jen Kirby
- *Cheri Spitz
- *Alison Whatley
- *Sally Cotton
- Dave B.
- Amanda Powell, Recovery from Surgery
- *Yvette Crawley
- Christie, Sister of *Susan Brandt
- Dan Meier, Recovery
- Cathy, Sara, Mary, Evelyn, Christie, Paul, Doug, Imma, Brian, Anne, Alice, Patricia, Fred, Glenn, Jack, Cardi, Lynne, Jonathan, Pam, Cheryl, Tony, Lyn, Jan, Patty, Kathy, Noreen, Moreen, Joe, Harold, Ken, Dan, Theresa, Eric, Mara, Connie, Mark, Paige

For Comfort

- Friends and Family of *Bill Xenakis, Especially Wife *Fran and Daughter *Anne Marie Measmer
- Friends and Family of Robert Brian Stanley, Especially His Mother, *Jackie Schautteet
- Friends and Family of Jim Janshego, Father of *Gary Janshego

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 Acceptance
- Our Country and Leaders
- The Xenakis Family Upon Bill's Death
- Linda Andersen
- Adam Andersen
- The Guadreau Family
- Sarah, Safe Travels Home

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
- RLC's The Coffeehouse
- RLC's Blind Ministry
- Sleep in Heavenly Peace
- Safe Families for Children
- Families Together/PLM
- Camp Agape Ministries

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.*