

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 15, 2024



Pastor's Corner for September 15-21, 2024

Prayer Life (James 3:1-12)

“If you can’t say anything nice, say nothing at all.” How many of us have either said that to someone or had someone else say it to us (hi mom!)? It’s a very common expression, not just in Christian circles, but one that has fallen on children’s ears in every home. As well-known as it is, it’s a phrase that goes right along with what we read in the letter of James. He has a lot to say about the importance of Christians living out their faith, and he puts a lot of pressure on the things we say.

“And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell.” (James 3:6)

Ouch! I like what my mom said better! James goes on to say that while every animal on earth has been tamed by humans, “no human being can tame the tongue”, calling it “a restless evil, full of deadly poison.” We may shudder and flinch when we read through James’ letter, but we should pause and reflect on his message, because the more it hurts the more important it can be.

So, how do you use your words? Do you watch what you say when speaking to others? I want to think on the ways God calls us to use our tongue to His glory. While we could jump to using our tongue to invite people to church, tell them about Jesus, and evangelize our neighbor (and these are all good and right things to do!!), I think there is another step to make first.

“Many Christians make the mistake of thinking they are influencing others only when they are talking.” (The Great Dechurching)

The first time I read this I was a little offended, using my tongue sinfully in my initial response, but then I realized something. When I’m talking, I’m not praying. God has given us the gift of our tongues, and to use them well we should direct our first words to God. When having a conversation with someone you find annoying (or worse...) pray during the conversation. Pray for the individual across from you, that they may know God’s love and forgiveness for them. Pray for yourself, that you may have compassion and mercy and the right words to say when the time is right. In prayer we learn how to properly use our tongues by first using our ears.

“Ears are on the outside of our heads and not on the inside. This physical makeup encourages us to listen to God and not to ourselves.” (Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing)

The same could be said for our tongues. It might be a stretch of pastor Lessing’s words, but our tongues are on the inside(ish), to be used first in a conversation with God then to address the people God puts before us.

So rather than not saying anything at all if you can't say something nice, try this. If you can't say anything nice, talk to God first. In fact, no matter what we say or do, let the conversation with God be never ending.

Your listening brother in Christ,
Pastor Zach Sarrault

Prayers of the Church



MEN'S BREAKFAST

**Saturday,
September 14
8:00 am
Fellowship Hall**

Come gather for fellowship, food, and message.
All men welcome.

Contact Tom Gebbia or mens-ministry@rlcary.org

Mites for Missions

We will be collecting Mites for Missions at all services this weekend, **September 14 and 15**. Please place your gifts in the large purple Mite Box in the Narthex near Sanctuary Worship.

Gifts can also be made by check, payable to RLC, and mailed directly to Donna Krupcale, % Resurrection Lutheran Church, 100 Lochmere Drive West, Cary NC 27518. The large Mite Box is always available at the Welcome table in the Narthex for gifts anytime during the month.



Thank you for supporting the mission grants of Lutheran Women in Mission!

**Lutheran Women in Mission
69th Biennial Convention**
September 20-21, 2024
Resurrection Lutheran Church

Lutheran Women in Mission has been an arm of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod since 1942. Resurrection has been involved and supporting this mission work since our beginning in 1978.

The focus of these Lutheran Women is to support mission work in the Carolinas, the US, and many other countries. It is all done with many pennies and prayers collected in those little Mite Boxes. They also strive to build each other up with Bible studies, song, and Fellowship.

Members of RLC are invited to join a Communion Worship Service on Friday, September 20 at 7:00 pm. It is the opening celebration of the 69th Carolinas District Convention for Lutheran Women in Mission 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 learn more about this joyful, purple group. 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. Each convention decides where this support will be focused next. 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](#).

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 18

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

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.

Supper & Scripture Wednesday Evening Activities Schedule

5:00-5:30 pm Jubilee Bells, Sanctuary	6:30-7:30 pm Adult Christian Ed <i>Mere Christianity</i> , Fellowship Hall <i>Men with Kids</i> , RM 247 <i>Grace-ful Women</i> , RM 251
5:15-6:00 pm Dinner, Gym	
5:30-6:00 pm Rainbow Choir, Sanctuary Sonshine Singers, Choir Room	6:30-7:30 pm Heavenly Handbells, Sanctuary
6:00-7:00 pm Kidz Live, RM 151 Middle School Youth, Warehouse <i>Intentional Parenting</i> , RM 240	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 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).



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 and 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.

Food & Fellowship for the Blind



Resurrection's Ministry
for the Visually Impaired meets

Friday, September 27

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).

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



The graphic features a wooden booth with a thatched roof and Kenyan flags, with the word 'KENYA' on the front. To the right is a large orange rounded rectangle containing the event title and names. Below this is a QR code with the text 'Give here:' to its left. Further right is the text 'Join for a presentation, food, & fun!' and a small map of Kenya. At the bottom left of the graphic is another orange rounded rectangle with the date and time. On the bottom right is a photograph of a man with a beard and glasses (Mark) and a woman (Megan).

• YOUNG FAMILIES •
gathering



Join us for food and fun at the Sarrault home!
(7529 Faith Haven Ct., Willow Spring NC)

Sunday, September 29 at 4:00 pm

RSVP to Pastor Zach or Kelsey Sarrault.

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-5th 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



The graphic features a blue background with large, faint stars. At the top, a yellow rounded rectangle with a black border contains the text "RLC YOUTH WEEKLY SCHEDULE" in black, bold, uppercase letters. Below this is a table with a black border. The table has three rows and two columns. The first row has "WEDNESDAY" in the left column and "MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP 6-7PM" in the right column. The second row has "SUNDAY" in the left column and "SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 9:30AM" in the right column. The third row has an empty left column and "HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP 5-6:30PM" in the right column. Below the table, the text "ALL 6TH-12TH GRADES ARE WELCOME!" is written in black, uppercase letters. There are several colorful stars (red, purple, blue) scattered around the graphic.

WEDNESDAY	MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP 6-7PM
SUNDAY	SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 9:30AM
	HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP 5-6:30PM

ALL 6TH-12TH GRADES ARE WELCOME!



The graphic has a bright cyan background with pink and red starburst patterns. At the top, the text "DUE SEPT 15!" is written in a bold, yellow, italicized font. Below this, a white rectangular box with a black border contains the text "ATTENTION!" in large, bold, black, uppercase letters. Underneath "ATTENTION!" are the words "HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH REGISTRATIONS FOR:" in a smaller, cyan, uppercase font. At the bottom of the white box, the text "FALL RETREAT & LCMS YOUTH GATHERING" is written in black, uppercase letters.

DUE SEPT 15!

ATTENTION!
HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH
REGISTRATIONS FOR:
FALL RETREAT
&
LCMS YOUTH GATHERING

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

Mums and Pumpkins! Last chance to order!

RLS PSO is hosting its annual Mum and Pumpkin Sale. Delivery of 12-inch mums will be later in September and pumpkins will arrive by early October. Mums and pumpkins are \$15 each or 2 for \$28 (any combination of pumpkins and mums). Orders are due by **Monday, September 16** for this fundraiser! [Order Form Link](#)

Both the mums and pumpkins are large and much better than what you will find at

the grocery store. A huge thank you to the Yokeley-Benge family for their very generous donation of pumpkins again this year!



rlscary.org

Junior Kindergarten-8th Grade

rlscary.org | 919-851-7271 | contact@rlscary.org

Latest Lion's Tale

WORSHIP SERVICES

Traditional Worship
in Sanctuary

Saturday, 6:00 pm
Sunday, *8:00 & 9:30 am

Praise Worship
in Family Life Center

Sunday, *11:00 am

**Services Live Streamed to YouTube*

For online services, connect through our YouTube channel at
[youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC](https://www.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, September 7

6:00 pm - 69

Sunday, September 8

8:00 am - 84

9:30 am - 140

11:00 am - 120

Total In-Person Worship: 413

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, September 8

8:00 am - 139

11:00 am - 58

Total Online Views: 197 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



100 Lochmere Drive West, Cary NC 27518

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Prayers of the Church – September 15, 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 8, 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 Bill's 39th Wedding Anniversary
- Dan Meier

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
- *Sally Cotton
- Dave B.
- Amanda Powell, Recovery from Surgery
- *Yvette Crawley
- Christie, Sister of *Susan Brandt
- Mark and Pat Otten
- Elena, Lesli, Justin, Red, Brian, Kevin, Keith, Tim, Mark, Timmy, Carlton, Carol, Canna, Anne, Skylar, Patty, Paul, Alice, Doug, Imma, Mindy, Fred, Cheryl, Pam, Joe, Lynne, Jonathan, Gene, Lois, Christie, Mike Ken, Harold, Dave, Rose, Virginia, Suzie, Bill, Darlene, Susan, Jack, Joe, Dan, Eric, Mara, Connie

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
- Friends and Family of Susan Jezorek, Cousin of *Lyle Malotky

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, Moving Into New Apartment

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.*