



So, what do we do with a scary passage like this one in The Revelation. A passage with verses like this, “And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world – he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him... ‘woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!’” (vv. 9 and 12b). Not a very comforting passage, is it? Reading those two verses in isolation, which even I will admit that is where my eyes are drawn, we can be filled with fear and worry at the Biblical fact of the devil being cast down to earth and working hard in wrath and anger. Where is the hope? Where is the encouragement this letter is supposed to bring?

First, do not worry, this passage is nothing new for baptized Christians. This is something you already know. You know that the devil is at work in the world. You know the struggles and hardships that you face and that so many face in this world. You know your own sin and the battles you face. Sin is real, but so is our Savior.

Second, why is the devil working hard? Because he knows he has lost! Christ has won and His victory is our victory! The devil, no matter how hard he works, has no claim on us. He can't do anything to affect your relationship with your victorious Savior!

Nothing in The Revelation is anything you don't know. The summary of a book we often avoid out of fear and confusion, is simple. Christ has died on the cross and has risen from the grave, fulfilling the promise God put forth in Genesis 3:15, and crushing the head of Satan, grinding down with His resurrected heel, so that Satan can never touch the baptized children of God.

The devil is defeated, because Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!!

Your encouraged brother in Christ,  
Pastor Zach Sarrault

## Prayers of the Church

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**Flowers on the altar  
in memory of  
my late daughter  
Jennifer's Birthday  
on October 1st  
by Jo Lynn Van Wart**



Sign up for Altar Flowers in the Sanctuary and Family Life Center.  
Click below or call the church office at 919-851-7248.  
Flowers are from Cary Florist and cost \$45.

[Sign Up for Altar Flowers!](#)

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Baptized on Sunday, September 29 at 9:30 am

**Andrew Kingsland Johnson**

born May 16, 2017,  
son of Anthony Joseph Johnson and Ashley Wilson Johnson.

Godparents are Mark and Katelin Linner.

May God's blessing be upon Andrew Kingsland as he grows in his baptismal grace.

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**Mission Fair**  
Sunday, September 29th  
9:30-10:30 in the Fellowship Hall

Hear about RLC members Paul and Susan Brandt's recent mission trip to Liberia and learn about other short term mission opportunities.

Food and drink samples available!

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• **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.

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

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# Ladies Fellowship Luncheon

Wednesday, October 2  
at 11:30 am

IHOP  
1301 Kildaire Farm Road  
Cary

RSVP through RCB Group  
or Church Office

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## 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

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## Wednesday Evening Dinner

Join us for Wednesday evening dinners 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](http://rlcary.org) or to the church office by Monday Noon.

**Menu for October:**

**October 2**

Swedish Meatballs with Egg Noodles, Salad, Fruit, Cake

**October 9**

Pizza, Salad, Fruit, Brownies

**October 16**

Quiche, Salad, Fruit, Cinnamon Rolls

**October 23**

Jersey Mike's Sandwiches, Chips, Fruit, Cookies

**October 30**

Potluck Soup and Chili, Bread, Salad, Fruit, Pie

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

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

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## Saturday, October 5

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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### Blessing of the Quilts and Raffle

October 5 and 6

Join The Piecemakers, RLC's Quilting Group, for the annual Blessing of the Quilts on the **weekend of October 5 and 6** in all services!

The quilts will be blessed before being sent to Lutheran World Relief for distribution around the world to those in need. There will also be an auction after all services. Come see the beautiful items they will have available for sale. Proceeds are used towards the materials needed for the quilts.

*Thank you to everyone who worked on these quilts!*



It takes many hands to complete just one quilt, and not all of the jobs need a sewing machine. If you are interested in giving us an extra pair of hands, we can find the right job that fits your expertise. Feel free to join The Piecemakers on Tuesdays, 1:00 pm in Room 151, Family Life Center, or reach out to Linda Merrill through RCB or the church office.

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## **The Coffeehouse for Special Needs Adults**

Friday, October 11

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

The next Coffeehouse is **Friday, October 11** from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Family Life Center Gym. We will have *Busted Knuckle Blues Syndicate* play for us!



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

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**MEN'S BREAKFAST  
& PASTOR'S FORUM**



**Saturday,  
October 12  
8:00 am  
Fellowship Hall**

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

A Pastor's Forum is an opportunity to ask the panel of Pastors questions in a comfortable, casual environment. The questions may be ones you have always wanted to ask but haven't, just came up recently, or ones you didn't like or understand the answer. Contact Tom Gebbia or [mens-ministry@rlcary.org](mailto:mens-ministry@rlcary.org).

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## Lutheran Witness Subscription

It is time to renew (or start) your Lutheran Witness subscription. This church magazine has timely, informative articles about the faith life of fellow Missouri Synod Lutherans.

The cost is \$22 annually. Make checks payable to RLC and either use the designated offering envelope or note "Lutheran Witness" in memo. **Deadline is October 20.** New members to RLC receive a one-year free subscription for the church.

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## Name Change

You may have noticed a change in the bulletins of Garrett's last name. We want to assure you that all is well.

When we got married, Garrett offered to take my last name which I declined as being too avant garde. Instead, we focused our energy on research in ancestry to find his original surname to no avail. Following many discussions with our children, the boys urged us to move ahead.

So, Garrett and I rolled back the clock 35 years and now formally carry the surname Douglas forward.

- Garrett and Sandy Douglas

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## Giving Statements

Giving Statements through August 20, 2024 are available in your church mailbox.

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

***Men's Breakfast and Pastor's Forum - Saturday, October 12 at 8:00 am***

### 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](mailto: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.

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## 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.

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# 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.

## Children's Bible Distribution

In all Worship Services on September 28 & 29, 3 year olds and 2nd graders will be called forward to receive their very own Bible!



**The Hands-On Bible with Dirty Hands  
for 2nd Graders and Their Parents**

**Wednesday, October 2 from 5:30-6:00 pm**  
Room 240, Family Life Center

Join Pastor Zach for an introduction to the Hands-On Bible you received in church! Learn fun tips and tricks to help you familiarize yourself with your brand-new Bible.

If you were unable to attend service and would like a Bible, please let us know.

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



**OCTOBER SCHEDULE**  
RLC YOUTH MINISTRY

<p>Middle School Youth</p> <p><b>RETREAT:</b> OCT. 4-6</p> <p><b>YOUTH GROUP:</b> OCT. 9, 16, 23, 30</p>	<p>High School Youth</p> <p><b>YOUTH GROUP:</b> OCT. 13, 20</p>
<p>Service Event</p> <p><b>TRUNK OR TREAT</b> OCT. 27 2:00 - 5:00PM</p>	<p>Sunday School</p> <p><b>OCT. 6, 13, 20, 27</b></p> <p><b>YOUTH GATHERING: FUNDRAISER/MEETING</b> OCT. 20</p>

Questions? Contact Ms. Jenny, Youth Director  
[jenny.piontek@rlcary.org](mailto: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!*



[rlpcary.org](http://rlpcary.org) | 919-851-7270 | [office@rlpcary.org](mailto:office@rlpcary.org)

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## Resurrection Lutheran School



[rlscary.org](http://rlscary.org)  
Junior Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup> Grade

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

**Latest Lion's Tale**

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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](https://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, September 21  
6:00 pm - 35

Sunday, September 22  
8:00 am - 82

9:30 am - 133  
11:00 am - 112

**Total In-Person Worship: 362**

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

Sunday, September 22  
8:00 am - 115  
11:00 am - 63

**Total Online Views: 178 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](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 – September 29, 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 22, 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
- Sara Wagner, Transition to New Home
- \*Tom Gebbia, Installation as Lay Deacon Serving RLC

#### **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
- 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
- \*Dianna Spirovich, Comfort and Peace
- \*Sally Cotton
- Amanda Powell, Recovery from Surgery
- \*Yvette Crawley
- \*Mark Otten, Recovery After Surgery
- Christie, Cancer Treatment
- Steve Cottle
- Stacey, Sydney, Michael, Gene and Lois, Danny, DeAnn, Jessica, Cathy, Sara, Linda, Shea, Tim, Justin, Red, Brian, Kevin, Keith, Mark, Timmy, Carlton, Carol, Anna, Anne, Patty, Skylar, Paul, Mindy, Cheryl, Lynne, Jonathan, Doug, Imma, Alice, Amy, Denise, Joe, Homer, Nicki, Jerri, Noreen, Kathy, Sylvia, Shelby, Ken, Harold, Eric, Mara, Connie, Paige, Shim, Dan, Ed, Jack, Bill, Theresa

#### **For Comfort**

- Friends and Family of Harry Hulse, Grandfather of \*Harrison and \*Spencer Hulse
- Friends and Family of Alfred Mapp, Jr., Friend of Sophia Wilkerson

#### **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.
- \*Fran Xenakis
- Those Enduring Marriage Struggles and Families in Turmoil
- Those Seeking Jobs and Career Changes
- Victims, Families, and Communities Suffering with Gun Violence

- Our Country
- Call for Pastor Zach

#### **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.*