

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

October 6, 2024



Pastor's Corner for October 6-12, 2024

What do we do?

As I hear the stories and see the videos of the awful tragedy Hurricane Helene has brought to the Southeast, one Bible story in particular continues to come to mind. **“When Jesus saw the crowds, He had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.’”** (Matt. 9:36-28)

Why this story? Because all those affected by the hurricane are “harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd” and whenever there is tragedy in our world, whenever sin rears its ugly head, causing disaster to tear apart homes and families, every single time this happens, Jesus sees it and “has compassion” for these people. Jesus sees the tragedy, He sees the heartache, He sees the tears and *He feels it*. Jesus mourns with us, He mourns with you, His heart breaks with every single person impacted by the hurricane.

As we mourn with the Savior of the world over this disaster, we all feel the urge in our hearts to do something. This is the pull of the Holy Spirit to live out our calling as the Church, since we are saved by grace, through faith, for service. So, how can we serve? First, serve through prayer. This is the first order of business Jesus gives to His disciples when He sees the “harassed and helpless.” He tells them to “*pray earnestly* to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into *His* harvest.” While we often associate this verse as a prayer for people to work within a church building, today (and every day) we also use this prayer for God to send Church workers to serve where there are no buildings.

We pray that God would send His people to serve. We pray that every single person God has sent will be provided for by our Creator, protected by our Savior, and guided by our Holy Spirit. Step one is always prayer.

After prayer, what’s next? “*All human pain is mission material*” (Frederick D. Bruner). With all the pain we see, this means that we, as the Church of God’s Mission, we have work to do. May we seize this opportunity to “let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works *and give glory to your Father who is in heaven*” (Matt. 5:16). The pain before us, *God will use* to shine His light.

There are a multitude of ways to serve (the opportunities provided here are by no means exhaustive).

- If God is calling you to go and serve in the areas of need, here is a link to sign up and serve, [LCMS Disaster Response & Training \(lcms-lert.org\)](https://lcms-lert.org).
- If you are not able to go and serve physically, we will be collecting Hygiene and Flood Clean-Up kits throughout the month of October. We will be looking for folks willing to drive these kits to Conover periodically throughout the month (sponsored by our Human Care Committee). You can [download the Supply List for both kits](#), pick up sheets at the information centers in the Narthex and Family Life Center lobby, or [order directly from Amazon](#) and drop ship.

- If you would like to help financially, you can follow this link, [Emergency Alert: You can help neighbors affected by Hurricane Helene | Lutheran World Relief \(lwr.org\)](#).

Every day we live is a day to participate with God in His Mission. Some days that Mission is more visible than others, and this is that day. So, Church, may we continually call out to God in prayer, that He may send workers into the harvest field that is Western NC and then see the ways He is calling us to join Him in His Mission.

Your praying and serving brother in Christ,
Pastor Zach Sarrault

Prayers of the Church



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.

Blessing of the Quilts and Raffle

October 5 and 6

Join The Piecemakers, RLC's Quilting Group, for the annual Blessing of the Quilts and Raffle this weekend, **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.

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

SUNDAY

Book of Revelation

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

September 8-October 20

(No Class 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	6:30-7:30 pm Heavenly Handbells, Sanctuary
5:30-6:00 pm Rainbow Choir, Sanctuary Sonshine Singers, Choir Room	7:00-8:00 pm Confirmation, RM 240
6:00-7:00 pm Kidz Live, RM 151 Middle School Youth, Warehouse <i>Intentional Parenting</i> , RM 240	7:30-8:45 pm Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary

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 or to the church office by Monday Noon.

Menu for October:

October 9

Quiche, Salad, Fruit, Cinnamon Rolls

October 16

Pizza, Salad, Fruit, Brownies

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).

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

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).

MEN'S BREAKFAST & PASTOR'S FORUM



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

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

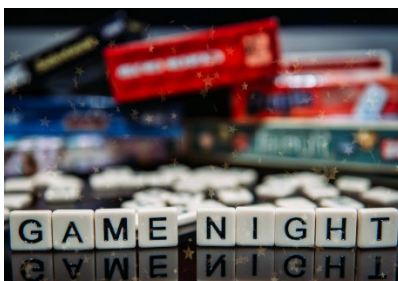
A Pastor's Forum is an opportunity to ask the panel of Pastors questions in a comfortable, casual environment. The questions may be ones you have always wanted to ask but haven't, just came up recently, or ones you didn't like or understand the answer. Contact Tom Gebbia or mens-ministry@rlcary.org.

Adult Game Night

Sunday, October 13 - Starting at 5:00 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 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 at 919-851-7248 or office@rlcary.org.

Christmas Music Festival

The Advent and Christmas portions of Handel's *Messiah* will be presented by the Sanctuary Choir, accompanied by a chamber orchestra, at the **8:00 and 9:30 am Worship Services on Sunday, December 15.**

All youth and adults are encouraged to participate in this exciting preparation for Christmas. Rehearsals for *The Messiah* are scheduled for Wednesdays, beginning **October 16 from 7:30-8:00 pm.**

A choral “dress” rehearsal is scheduled for **Saturday, December 7 at 1:00 pm.**

If you are interested in participating, please contact Bob Unger at the church office (919-851-7248, robert.unger@rlcary.org) and/or be present at one of the initial rehearsals. It is okay if you are not able to attend all the rehearsals, we would rather you attend as your schedule allows, than to exclude yourself from participating in this wonderful opportunity.

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.

Resurrection Lutheran Church

FALL festival

**You are invited for games,
crafts, and trunk or treating!**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27TH, 2024

3:00-4:30 PM

**100 LOCHMERE DRIVE WEST
CARY**

**Please bring an item to donate for
Hurricane Helene relief.**



Questions? Contact Erika at erika.hulse@rlcary.org

Resurrection Women's Ministries Advent Tea

Save the date for the Women's Advent Tea on **Saturday, December 7** from 11:00 am-1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall!

Spend time in fellowship and reflection on the Advent season. Registration details will be in the church mailboxes by mid-October. More info to follow in the weekly announcements.

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

Giving Statements

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

Questions? Contact finance@rlcary.org.

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 October 2024



Sunday School

Join us for Bible stories, games, songs and crafts.

Sunday School is from
9:30-10:30 a.m.



Pre-K room 132

K & 1st grade room 135

2nd & 3rd grade room 131

4th & 5th grade room 133

Children's Church

Children's Church is during the
11:00 a.m. Contemporary

Service. Children are
dismissed to Children's Church
after the Children's Message.

The children participate in
crafts, games and Bible
stories in room 151.

We look forward to seeing
your children there!!!



Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat

Families are invited to join us in the church parking lot on Sunday, October 27th from 3-4:30 pm for trunk or treating, games, crafts and fun! Families are welcome to host a trunk for the event or we welcome donations of candy and/or small trinkets for distribution. The Children's Ministry and Youth Ministry are working together to host an awesome event for our church, schools and community.

Wednesday Nights

Kidz Live 6-7 pm- The Justice Family has been teaching children Pre-K to 5th graders about Ruth. They are using the Hands On Bible curriculum.

It is never too late to
join them in room 151!

KICKS - Kids in Christ Keep Shining (for grades 3-5) Led by the Breiler Family is held the second Wednesday of the month from 6-7 pm in the gym.

They have a devotion, games and fun activities.

For Grades 3-5, K.I.C.K.S. is this week.

See you in the Gym at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, October 9!

Questions? Contact Erika Hulse, Children and Family Ministry Director

erika.hulse@rlcary.org.

Youth Ministry
Middle School and High School

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ATTENTION!
NO YOUTH GROUP

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS HAPPENING SUNDAY AT 9:30AM FOR HIGH SCHOOL.
NEXT MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP IS OCT. 9
NEXT HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP IS OCT. 13.

A blue background with a yellow box containing the title 'RLC YOUTH WEEKLY SCHEDULE'. Below it is a table with three rows. The first row shows Wednesday with Middle School Youth Group from 6-7PM. The second row shows Sunday with Sunday School at 9:30AM. The third row shows High School Youth Group from 5-6:30PM. There are decorative stars around the graphic.

**RLC YOUTH
WEEKLY
SCHEDULE**

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!

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!*



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Resurrection Lutheran School



Discover
Resurrection Lutheran School
Kindergarten

Sign up
here to
attend



Join us for an
Interactive Experience
for
Prospective Students &
Parents

October 22, 2024

9:30 - 10:45 am

Attend and
get early
access to
2025-2026
Registration!



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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, September 28
6:00 pm - 57

Sunday, September 29
8:00 am - 84
9:30 am - 155
11:00 am - 127

Total In-Person Worship: 423

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, September 29

8:00 am - 128

11:00 am - 61

Total Online Views: 189 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 – October 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 29, 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
- *Tom Gebbia, Installation as Lay Deacon Serving RLC
- Successful LWML Convention
- Praising God and Our RLC Family for Love, Support, and Food by the *Xenakis Family

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
- *Sally Cotton
- Amanda Powell, Recovery from Surgery
- *Mark Otten, Recovery After Surgery
- Christie, Cancer Treatment
- Steve Cottle
- Martha, Sister of *Charlotte Raines
- Mark, Son of *Charlotte Raines
- Paul, Mindy, Alice, Doug, Imma, Brian, Anne, Joe, Kim, Pam, Rich, Jan, Sean, Beverly, Cheryl, Lynne, Jonathan, Jerry, Linda, Karl, Ricky, Jocelyn, Carla, Christine, Breann, Danny, Tim, Justin, Red, Kevin, Keith, Mark, Carlton, Carol, Anna, Patty, Skylar, Cathy, Sara, Linda, Jessica, Brenda, Olevia, Larry, Nathan, Bev, Kathy, Kathleen, Noreen, Syliva, Shelby, Joann, Trevor, Harold, Ken, Kristen, Shim, Jack, Ed, Bill

For Comfort

- Friends and Family of Daniel Blanke, Cousin of *Pastor Jonathan Blanke
- Friends and Family of Gerald Kreuger, Father of *Sandy Carpenter

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, People of Gaza, and People of Lebanon, 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

- Our Country and Leaders
- Pastor Zach and Family for Discernment and God's Will Regarding Their 2 Calls
- How to Best Serve Christ
- Rachel, George, and Daniel - Safety from Devastation in Canton NC
- Grandson's Loss of Housing and Belongings in Hurricane
- Those Affected by Hurricane Helene

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

- 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.*