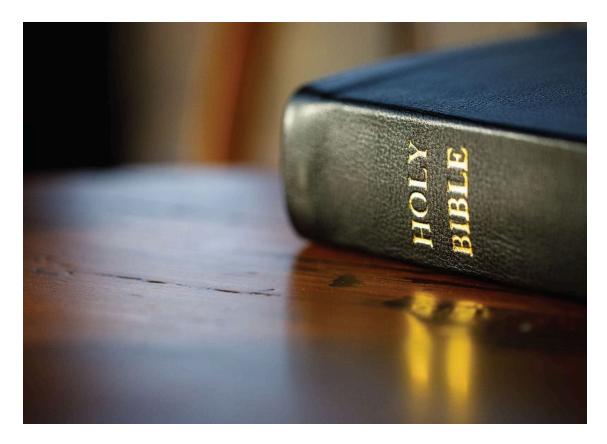
Reformation

October 27, 2024



Pastor's Corner for October 27-November 2, 2024

Abide in the Word (John 8:31-38)

I love being caught up in a good book. I remember a time when I was so caught up in a book, that it physically impacted what I was doing. Not some life changing epiphany, but it was an interesting influence. I was in grade school, reading on the couch in the living room (I believe it was Laura Ingalls Wilder) over summer break. As I lay there, the author was describing a winter scene and, though it was 80 degrees outside, I felt a chill run through my bones and instinctively drew a quilt up to my chin, snuggling deeper into the book. Since that day, I have never had a book bring a physical reaction in that way. I have laughed, cried, feared, and loved through many books, but never has a book changed my physical setting in such a real way.

God knows the power of words. He chose to reveal Himself through the written word. Without written words, we wouldn't know who God is! We wouldn't know of His creativity, love, mercy, compassion, justice, and forgiveness. Praise be to God that He loves words so much that He put Himself into the written Word so that we may know Him. This is the message that Jesus proclaims throughout His ministry.

"If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:31-32)

What does it mean to "abide in my word"? I think of that memory of me on the couch, so caught up in a story that I react without realizing it. When we abide in God's Word, we live in that Word to the point of complete consumption. His Word will consume us, covering us with God Himself, causing us to live it.

Jesus isn't saying that we should cloister ourselves away, just me and my Bible. That isn't abiding with God's Word because God's Word is meant to be used in community. When we abide in God's Word, we do life with Jesus and His Word and Story, that is our Story, found in the Bible. As we read that Word, the Holy Spirit will work it in us, to the point of living it out without even realizing it. Like being so consumed by a winter scene that you need a quilt on a summer day.

Your always reading brother in Christ, Pastor Zach Sarrault

Prayers of the Church



Baptized on Saturday, October 26 Jesse Claire Glenn born March 26, 2000.

May God's blessing be upon Jesse Claire as she grows in her baptismal grace.

New Sunday Morning Adult Christian Education Different Ages, One Christ

Join us on Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am, in the Fellowship Hall from October 27-December 22!

This is a scripture-based course that explores the typological and prophetic foreshadowing in the Old Testament of Christ's ministry and church on earth. Covered topics will include Baptism, the Lord's Supper, and the incarnation and suffering of Christ.

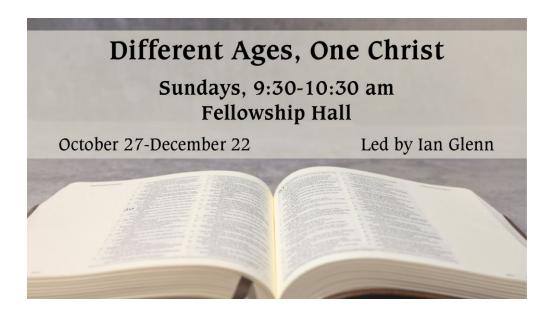
This course will specifically focus on the early church's understanding of these topics, the prophecies they found the most important and the significance they placed on different passages in scripture. Each class will briefly introduce a writer from the early church and their significance to the topic of that day's class.

The goal of this class is to enrich, through the scriptures, our understanding of the fundamental doctrines we profess in the Apostles' and Nicene creeds, and further appreciate the rich theological heritage we have throughout the history of the church. Hopefully this class will provide useful resources to attendees for understanding a complex time in history and will encourage them in understanding

the ancient origin of many doctrines we find taught in Luther's Catechism.

Class led by Ian Glenn. Bring your Bible and Luther's Small Catechism. These can be provided, if needed.

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





Thank you for helping them connect and get to know their RLC Family!

Flowers on the Sanctuary Altar in memory of all the dear ones we have lost by Jay, Rebecca, Justin, and Annie Indla.



Click below or call the church office at 919-851-7248. Flowers are from Cary Florist and cost \$45.

Sign up for flowers!



Join us for: Bounce House Fun Trunk or Treating (bring a bag!) Games Fall Snack Station -RAIN OR SHINE-SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 3:00-4:30 PM 100 LOCHMERE DRIVE WEST, CARY Please bring an item to donate for Hurricane Helene relief.

Hurricane Helene Relief

There are a multitude of ways to serve:

- If God is calling you to go and serve in the areas of need, here is a link to sign up and serve, <u>LCMS Disaster Response & Training (lcms-lert.org)</u>.
- 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 <u>order directly from</u> <u>Amazon</u> and drop ship to St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Conover, North Carolina.
- If you would like to help financially, you can follow this link, <u>Emergency</u> <u>Alert: You can help neighbors affected by Hurricane Helene | Lutheran</u> <u>World Relief (lwr.org)</u>.

Latest Southeastern District (SED) Update for Current Relief Needs:

• Click <u>here</u> for new relief needs published by the SED this week.

Supply List from Shaelyn Kerns:

- **High Demand:** Adult Diapers (All Sizes), Peanut Butter, Protein Bars, Flashlights, Batteries, Baby Formula (Organic/Sensitive)
- Other Needs: Air Mattresses, Bags of Dog and Cat Food, Baby Diapers / Wipes, Feminine Products, Cleaning Products, Rubber
 Gloves, Rubbermaid Tubs, Laundry Detergent, Granola Bars, Lanterns, Baby
 Food (Squeeze Pouches Preferred), Trash Bags, Manual Can Openers, Plastic
 Utensils, Paper Goods, Gas, Gravel, Sports Drinks, Tarps, Instant Coffee and

Tea, Water, Distilled Water, Non-Perishable Food, Blankets (New)

• You can also pick up sheets at the Information Centers in the Narthex and Family Life Center lobby.

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

<u>SUNDAY</u>

New **Different Ages, One Christ** Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am - Fellowship Hall October 27-December 22 Ian Glenn

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 *Tell Someone* Series - October 21-December 2 Ron Bostick, Tom Gebbia

Tell Someone Series – A 6-session study on Evangelism from Greg Laurie, one of nation's most prominent Pastors and Evangelists. This study helps group members identify people and places already in their daily routines, encouraging and empowering them to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Evangelism shouldn't be an artificial religious sales pitch. We shouldn't be afraid of burning bridges with people we know and love. Instead, we should build bridges with our stories to connect people to the heart of the Savior. This refreshing look at Evangelism will

help Christians – new and old alike discover the joy of Evangelism as the good news of Jesus naturally overflows into their daily lives.

TUESDAY

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

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

New Building a Christian Reconciliation Team

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm - Fellowship Hall October 30-December 11 Pastor Alan Shaw

This workshop will describe how to cultivate reconciliation as a lifestyle in the family, church, school, workplace, and community. It summarizes the basics of Biblical peacemaking and Christian reconciliation and will provide direction for starting a ministry of reconciliation here at RLC. If you want to learn more about peacemaking, or you want to be part of a peacemaking team at RLC, this workshop is for you.

New Men with Kids - The Book of Jonah

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm - Room 247, Family Life Center October 30-December 11 Tom Gebbia

When God's Purpose Isn't In Your Plans – The book of Jonah is best known for

Jonah's run-in with a large fish. But there's much more to the story than Jonah's three-day stay in a fish's belly. It's about God's grace, compassion, and love — even toward wayward people — and his commitment to spreading his message around the world. In this six-session series, Pastor David Platt shows us that God is determined to spread his Word to all the nations of the earth and use his people to do it. The book of Jonah shows us that God desires to transform the hearts of his followers, making them more like him as they carry out his purposes in the world. Join David and get a renewed sense of what it means to orient your life around the mission of God.

New Grace-ful Women -

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm - Room 251, Family Life Center *Ragged* - October 30-December 11 Pastor Jonathan and Juli Blanke

Through a discussion focused on God's Word, we will use **Gretchen Ronnevik's book (Ragged)** as a point of departure as we seek to understand what spiritual disciplines are. We will encourage one another to incorporate them into our lives from the perspective of living by God's grace.

Christian education information, including class descriptions, <u>can be found here</u>.

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

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

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 <u>rlcary.org</u> or to the church office by Monday Noon.

Menu for October:

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).



Saturday, November 2

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.

The Last Coffeehouse of 2024 for Special Needs Adults

Friday, November 8

We thank all of our volunteers who help us to have wonderful Coffeehouses! We couldn't do it without our faithful volunteers. Please 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: <u>bit.ly/3kqoHGN</u>

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

Contact Brenda Peterson through RCB or the church office (919-851-7248, <u>office@rlcary.org</u>).





Contact Tom Gebbia or mens-ministry@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. Check your church mailbox for registration details.



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 (<u>office@rlcary.org</u>, 919-851-7248) for assistance.

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 & lst grade room 135 2nd & 3rd grade room 131 Yth & 5th grade room 133

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.

Children's Church

Children's Church is during the II: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!!!

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 15!

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.

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

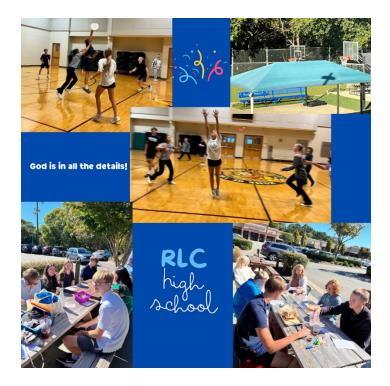
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Youth Ministry

Middle School and High School



*No high school youth group



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!*



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

Resurrection Lutheran School



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

Latest Lion's Tale



For online services, connect through our YouTube channel at <u>youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC</u> or through our website at <u>rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship</u>.

This Week's Visual Faith Sheet

Weekly Attendance

In-Person Worship Attendance

Saturday, October 19 6:00 pm - 55

Sunday, October 20 8:00 am - 88 9:30 am - 123 11:00 am - 120

Total In-Person Worship: 386

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, October 20 8:00 am - 114 11:00 am - 27

Total Online Views: 141 views

Financial Update - Fiscal 2024/25

September 2024

Budgeted Giving to Date: \$337,125.00 Actual Giving to Date: \$324,665.78 Current Over/(Under) Giving: \$(12,459.22)

Budgeted Expenses to Date: \$362,500.00 Actual Expenses to Date: \$359,018.24 Current Under/(Over) Spend: \$3,481.76 Questions? Contact finance@rlcary.org.

Church Calendar





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Prayers of the Church – October 27, 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, *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 October 20, 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
- *Pastor Zach and *Kelsey Sarrault, Discernment Regarding Call to Immanuel, Altamont IL

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

- Betty, Memory Issues
- *Vern Ebert
- *Mindy Stephani, Continued Recovery
- Doug Gill, Cancer Treatment
- *Helen Campbell
- Joan Gresens, Mother of *Phil Gresens
- Terrie Johnson, Mother of *Jen Kirby
- *Alison Whatley
- *Sally Cotton
- *Yvette Crawley
- Christie, Cancer Treatment
- Martha, Sister of *Charlotte Raines
- Mark, Son of *Charlotte Raines
- Linda, Ben, Megan, Karl, Ricky, Tim, Justin, Red, Brian, Kevin, Keith, Mark, Carlton, Carol, Anna, Anne, Patty, Skylar, Paul, Doug, Mindy, Imma, Alice, Joe, Lynda, Lynne, Roy, Carolyn, Hugh, Ginny, Ken, Harold, Mom, Bruce, Shim, Dave, Jack, Ed, Dan, Reggie

For Comfort

- Friends and Family of Peter Kuo, Father of *Nelson Kuo
- Friends and Family of Bill Bord, Uncle of *Susan Moore

For Provision, Peace, Strength, and Patient Endurance

- Persecuted Christians
- People Around the World Affected by Natural Disasters, Especially People of Western NC, SC, GA, TN, and FL
- Families of Those Missing and Lost in Western NC
- Mountainside Lutheran Church and Camp Linn Haven
- Safety and Thanksgiving for People Helping with Recovery Efforts
- 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.
- *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 and Leaders
- Immanuel Lutheran Church, Altamont IL and Their Call process
- People and Country of Cuba

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

- 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
- Read-a-Book at Reedy Creek Elementary School and Our RLC Volunteers

For Our Missionaries

- *Mark and *Megan Mantey, Kenya As They Transition Home from the Mission Field
- JP and Aimee Cima, Cambodia *Click here for the Cima Family Newsletter!*
- Shauen and Krista Trump, Kenya
 <u>Click here for the Trump's Newsletter!</u>

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.

*RLC Members

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