All Saints' Day November 3, 2024



Pastor's Corner for November 3-9, 2024

The Power of "We" (1 John 3:1-3)

Have you noticed how so many people are seeing the need for social cohesion these days? Just this past week I got an email from a non-profit promoting community involvement introducing me to a documentary film called Join or Die. The movie is based on the premise, first introduced by Robert Putnam 25 years ago (Bowling Alone), that Americans are not joining clubs and community organizations the way they once did. Research finds that "joining" is literally good for a person's health! We were made to be social creatures. We simply don't thrive as we

otherwise might when we live without community.

I thought about that this past week as I reflected on our "All Saints" focus for this weekend at Resurrection Lutheran Church. Death, in one sense, is the Great Divider. It creates widows and widowers. It leaves parents bereft of children they once rejoiced welcoming into the world. It is the reality that divides friends and grandchildren and colleagues from those whose lives were at one time familiar and regularly enjoyed together. Tangible reminders of flesh and blood people we once held onto and cherished are left behind in a song that person loved, or a photograph of their face, or a hand-written letter. But the community we share as brothers and sisters in Christ means Death, the Great Divider, doesn't have the final word! Every year we celebrate the gift of fellow saints at RLC who are called to glory... gathering for individual funeral or memorial services that give us the chance to reconnect as we remember the people we love who have died. All Saints weekend also gives us the chance to demonstrate the people we loved who are now with Jesus are not forgotten. We are never truly "separated" from them as members of Jesus' Body, both here and in eternity (Eph 2:19-22)!

The letter of 1 John is so powerful for All Saints weekend because it is written in the first person plural: "we." "We" have seen the kind of love God has given to us in Christ Jesus! "We" are God's children! "We" shall one day be like Jesus, when He appears again! "We" are people who share an eternal hope that death will never destroy or take away from us! 2024 has been a year that all of us at RLC have entrusted so many of those we love to God's eternal care in Christ. But because of Jesus, our community with one another, though changed, remains unbroken.

Let us gather again and give thanks that together, WE are His children!

Brief Refresher for Current Worship Assistants and Training for Those Interested in Serving, November 9

Do you know what a Worship Assistant at RLC is? Worship Assistants are people who assist in the pastor in distributing the host and wine of Holy Communion. If you have ever wanted to find out how to serve in this way, we invite you to join us at RLC at 9:30 AM on Saturday, November 9. There will be a brief explanation of what the job entails and opportunities for all attending to ask questions.

Prayers of the Church

The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

The church, since the 8th century AD, has set aside a day to remember the lives of the saints. Saints are all of us ordinary people who have been set apart for a special purpose. Today we not only remember those people whose lives have touched us so dearly in the past, but as a community of faith we commit ourselves to support each other in grief.

On this Sunday in November, we pray for all who in the past year have grieved the loss of beloved family members. We have especially prayed that God's comfort be with these members as they mourn the death of family: Ginny Bastante - Father, Rudolph Brnic; Charlotte Beyer - Daughter-In-Law, Miriam Beyer; Jonathan Blanke - Cousin, Daniel Blanke; Gretchen Bostick - Father, Franz Helchinger; Jan Boyer - Stepfather, Stuart Sanders; Michele Brake - Father, Ted Dumas; Kenn Buckner - Mother, Patricia Buckner; Lisa Card - Father, Franco Fiorentino; Kathi Carlson - Brother, Doug Enfinger; Sandy Carpenter - Mother, Ruth Krueger, and Father, Gerald Krueger; Garett Douglas - Father, Ernie Nigg, and Brother-In-Law, Fred O'Connor; Lisa Duke - Grandfather, Robert Hahne; Julie Easton -Mother, *Hope Studt, Robert Field - Uncle, Mike Garza; Jon Frusti - Brother, Peter Frusti; *Edward Fuge; Mike Hahne - Father, Robert Hahne; Jill Hammergren -Mother, Jerrie Branson, and Uncle, Dirk Branson; Tim Hiteshew - Mother, *Millie Hiteshew; Erin Hostetter - Cousin, Asher Topham; Harrison and Spencer Hulse -Grandfather, Harry Hulse, and Grandmother, Margaret Hulse; Gary Janshego -Father, Jim Janshego; Donna Krupcale - Cousin, Timi Gamble; Nelson Kuo -Mother, Esther Kuo, and Father, Peter Kuo; Ethan, Ilea, and Garrett Kuo -

Grandmother, Esther Kuo, and Grandfather, Peter Kuo; Karol LaCroix - Aunt, Sara Evans; Dawn Leister - Cousin, Andy Renninger; Lyle Malotky - Cousin, Susan Jezorek; Shanise Manyfield-Russell - Brother, John Clifton Manyfield; Anne Marie Measmer - Father, *William Xenakis; Fiona and Lliam Measmer - Grandfather, *William Xenakis; Darrell Moore - Cousin, Jim Hanson; Susan Moore - Uncle, Bill Bord; Terri Nance - Aunt, Becky Lantz; Mark Otten - Mother, JoAnn Otten; Ann Robinson-Farr - Husband, *Tom Farr; Leah Robison - Grandmother, JoAnn Otten; Eva, Jonah, Mark, and Silas Robison - Great-Grandmother, JoAnn Otten; Sue Sanders - Husband, Stuart Sanders; Jackie Schautteet - Brother, George Liggon, and Son, Brian Stanley; Dan Shaltanis - Father, Dennis Shaltanis; *Eve Sommers; Bob Unger - Cousin, Cathy; Cyndy Vagle - Father, Arlo Sunderman; Bob Wiley - Father, Robert Wiley Sr.; Fran Xenakis - Husband, *William Xenakis.

A Table of Remembrance is set up in the Narthex where you can place a picture and/or note of your loved one. You may bring it with your to worship. Remembrances can be of any lost loved one, not just from this past year.



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.



Baptized on Sunday, November 3 at 9:30 am Erika Rae Lonseth born January 24, 1988.

Sponsor is Bethanne MacConnell.

May God's blessing be upon Erika Rae as she grows in her baptismal grace.

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.

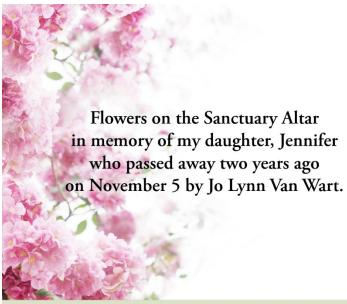
The goal of this class is to enrich, through the scriptures, our understanding of the fundamental doctrines we profess in the Apostles' and Nicene creeds, and further

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 office@rlcary.org or 919-851-7248.





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 flowers!

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

SUNDAY

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

Building a Christian Reconciliation Team

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm - Fellowship Hall October 30-December 18 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.

Men with Kids - The Book of Jonah

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm - Room 247, Family Life Center October 30-December 18 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.

Grace-ful Women -

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm - Room 251, Family Life Center Ragged - October 30-December 18 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, can be found here.

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

Christian Reconciliation, FH 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.

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 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: bit.ly/3kgoHGN

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-





Contact Tom Gebbia or mens-ministry@rlcary.org.

Worship in the Park

Sunday, November 10

On **Sunday, November 10**, join us as we celebrate Worship in the Park, including a musical offering by Resurrection Lutheran School students, at Ritter Park (across from church).

Sunday School for Children begins at 10:00 am, **Worship at 11:00 am**, followed by family games and food.

There will be <u>no</u> 9:30 am Worship Service or Adult Christian Ed class held that day.

Note: Sunday School for Middle and High School will remain at 9:30-10:30 am in The Warehouse (Room 253).





Help decorate the church for Christmas, order a poinsettia!

Pick up an order form at the Information Tables in the Narthex and Family Life Center lobby. Cost is \$15 per plant with a choice of red or white flowers.

Orders are due by Thursday, November 14.

Place your completed order form and check made payable to RLC in the office mailbox of Linda Merrill or mail to 100 W. Lochmere Drive, Cary NC 27518.

You may take home a plant after the 10:00 am worship service on Christmas Day. Plants not claimed will be donated.

The Christmas Store Toys for Children

We are excited again to partner with The Christmas Store Toys For Children and our trees are up!

The Christmas Store exists to provide the gift of new toys at Christmas to children in low-income families by engaging volunteers in meaningful community service. Following the instructions of Jesus, The Christmas Store is designed to help families in the towns and cities of southern Wake County who are in need during the holidays.

Please take a tag (or 2!), purchase your item(s), and return them unwrapped with

their tags <u>by Sunday</u>, <u>December 1</u>. Gifts can be placed under the trees in the Narthex and Family Life Center.

You can volunteer to assist on the days of the store (December 13, 14, and 16). To volunteer, sign up through their website.

For more information, visit The Christmas Store - christmasstorenc.com.





Resurrection Women's Ministries

Preparing for Jesus: An Advent Tea Saturday, December 7 11:00 am-1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall Join your fellow sisters-in-Christ for a time of fellowship, encouragement and faith-building, as we prepare our hearts and minds for this upcoming Advent season (for the women of RLC and their guests)!

Tickets are \$10. Registration is due Sunday, November 17. Please use the form located in your church mailbox to register.



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 and Family Ministry



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

Youth Ministry

Middle School and High School

Happy Fall, Y'all! I hope you are enjoying this beautiful fall we have had so far. The colors were amazing on the church grounds this weekend for our Fall Festival / Trunk or Treat event. We had a great turn out, and I am so proud of all of the youth who served! A huge shout out to Jenny Beyer, Katy and Ryan Johnson for helping the youth with clean up at the end of the event.

We also had a great fundraiser for our LCMS Youth Gathering team and it was so exciting to see so many youth families not even associated with the trip or group help support the team. We thank you and look forward to the time where you might also be able to attend a mission trip or Youth Gathering.

In both Youth Groups, we have been thinking about and hearing stories about what it means to be Christ like in all the things we do. What we have found is it's not always easy to be Christ like in all situations. As we continue on towards Christmas, we will be focusing on gratitude and gifts.



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

Resurrection Lutheran Preschool

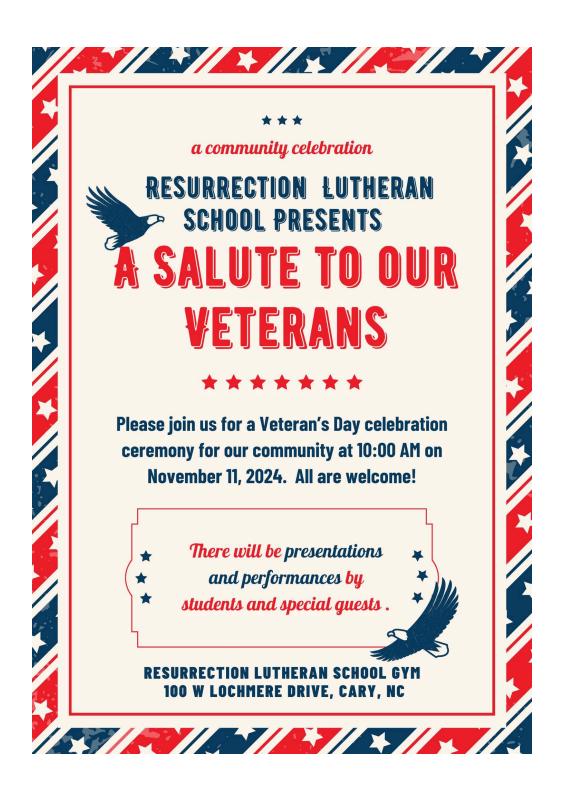
Our program offers opportunities and experiences that will enrich, expand, and develop a child's ever-increasing accumulation of knowledge in a loving Christian atmosphere. Classes available for 2-year - 5-year olds. *Call for a tour today!*



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Resurrection Lutheran School





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, October 26

6:00 pm - 60

Sunday, October 27

8:00 am - 83

9:30 am - 151

11:00 am - 121

Total In-Person Worship: 415

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, October 27 8:00 am - 112 11:00 am - 41

Total Online Views: 153 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

Church Calendar





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Prayers of the Church - November 3, 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, Hannah Yllanes

Those Prayed for on October 27, 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 (Declined Call)
- Sara Wagner's 90th Birthday
- Thankful Safety During Accident
- New RLC Members

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
- *Bruce Kennedy
- Gene, Lois, Ginny, Glen, Lynne, Roy, Pam, Marilyn, Paul, Doug, Imma, Alice, Brian, Anne, Kenneth, Kathy, Noreen, Sylvia, Elio, Shelby, Mike, Teresa, Ken, Harold, Sue, Tom, Joe, Patricia

For Comfort

- Friends and Family of Peter Kuo, Father of *Nelson Kuo
- Friends and Family of Bill Bord, Uncle of *Susan Moore
- Friends and Family of Rob Dempsey, His Radio Morning DJ

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

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
 <u>Click here for the Cima Family Newsletter!</u>
- 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.

*RLC Members Updated 10/31/24