



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 2024

From the Pastor

The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. (Philippians 4:6)

Are you ready for the sprint? That’s what November feels like for a lot of folks (don’t even mention the next month!). November is full of extra stuff on top of the daily rigmarole that we all find ourselves going through. When we read this verse that Paul wrote to the church in Philippi, what stands out to you? Do you scoff at the call to “not be anxious about anything”, as you hold your anxiety infused November checklist? Do you breathe a sigh of relief (or frustration) at the invitation to bring all requests to God through prayer, thinking that even with God’s help, you’ll still be exhausted, and a little irritated, along the way?

It can be hard to recognize the fueling hinge, strategically placed in the middle of this sentence. In our relationship with God, we are to do life with Him “with thanksgiving.” Thankfulness is intricate to the lifestyle and worldview that God brings us into as members of His body.

When we are thankful, something changes within us. Our attitude changes. We recognize that we are not alone, but God is working with us and for us. Thankfulness reminds us that we are not expected to do anything alone, but through it all God is there. This can help release the burden that God doesn’t want us to carry on our own. He is there to do life with us, even the things that we would rather not do, God is there.

Thankfulness gives us a foundation. When we forget to be thankful, our anxiety builds, our worry consumes, and our frustrations boil over. Our foundation becomes slippery and we fall, not only under the weight of burden, but because we have nothing under our feet. When we are thankful, we are reminded of what God is doing and has done for us.



Dates of Interest:

- HS RetreatNov 1-3
- Taize Worship.....Nov 2
- All Saints’Nov 3
- Ladies Lunch.....Nov 6
- Last Coffeehouse.....Nov 8
- Combined BreakfastNov 9
- Moms Together.....Nov 9
- Outdoor Worship.....Nov 10
- Veterans DayNov 11
- K.I.C.K.S.....Nov 13
- Christ the King.....Nov 24
- Thanksgiving Eve.....Nov 27
- Office Closed.....Nov 28-29

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Different Ages, One Christ

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

October 27-December 22

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.

The goal of this class is to enrich, through scripture, 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.

No Class November 10,
December 1 and 15.



In all things, God never stops living His promise for us. He provides for us, loves us, forgives us, and protects us.

To have a thankful attitude that solidifies our foundation, I want to give us a challenge throughout the month of November. Every day, list five things you are thankful for. There's a variety of ways to do this. You could write it in a thankful journal, keeping track of everything throughout the whole month. You could keep a record as a family or individually. Place the list somewhere in the house where all can see. Write the list on a scrap sheet of paper when you are frustrated, anxious, or worried. However you choose to do it, living out thankfulness through a simple practice like this can deepen our relationship with God, impacting our relationship with those He gives us.

Your thankful brother in Christ,
Pastor Zach Sarrault

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 Co. who are in need during the holidays.

Please take a tag (or 2!), purchase your item(s), and return them unwrapped with their tags by Sunday, December 1. 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.



Bagel Bunch for Men Location Change

As the cooler weather is upon us, please note the Bagel Bunch will gather at IHOP Cary (1301 Kildaire Farm Road) on Tuesday mornings, **starting November 5**.

The Bagel Bunch is a group of men that meet on Tuesdays, 7:30-9:00 am for coffee and fellowship. All men are welcome, come when you can.

Questions? Contact Lyle Malotky through RCB or the church office.

October 2024

The October Council approved the Charter for the Human Care Committee (HCC) which has now been posted in RCB. Thank you to Jan Boyer and the entire committee for their work on this document that is long overdue. The HCC serves those in need both locally and abroad by helping the RLC Council direct its tithe (10% of the annual budget) to other missions and organizations that are in need. They also carefully screen, evaluate, confirm, and monitor those organizations that request and receive those direct donations. If you are interested in helping and being a part of the HCC, please reach out to Jan Boyer or any member of the HCC.

Recognizing the disaster in Western North Carolina caused by Hurricane Helene, the RLC Council approved the donation of \$15,000 from the Mission Funds still available out of the Next 40 Campaign. These funds will be sent through our LCMS Southeastern District (Disaster Response) who will ensure these funds get to where they are needed most.

As mentioned last month, terms for three members of the RLC Council will end this coming December and not all incumbents are coming back. If you or any others you know are interested in serving as a Council Member for Resurrection, please let one of us know.

Your Council members are listed below and are willing to take questions and suggestions.

Mike Haertling, President (505) 690-9929	Mark Dirks, Council Member (919) 345-5348
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	Ex Officio: Pastor Jonathan Blanke, Sr. Pastor (301) 997-6687



**COMBINED BREAKFAST
FOR MEN AND WOMEN**

**Saturday,
November 9
8:00 am
Fellowship Hall**

Come gather for fellowship, food, music, and message.
All welcome!

Contact Tom Gebbia or mens-ministry@rlcary.org

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities



Monday

Monday Night Women's Bible Study

The Rock Speaks: Ten Lessons Based on 1 Corinthians 10:4 by Cindy Steinbeck

7:00-8:00 pm — Room 151, Family Life Center & Zoom

September 9-November 18 (No Class November 25)

Leaders: Jamee Thieme, Sharon Hahne, Dawn Leister

Men's Weekly Study and Fellowship ~ Tell Someone Series

7:00-8:15 pm — Room 240, Family Life Center

October 21-December 2 (No Class November 25)

Leaders: Ron Bostick, Tom Gebbia

Tuesday

Tuesday Morning Bible Study and Fellowship

10:30-11:30 am — Fellowship Hall — September 3-December 17

Leaders: Pastor Jonathan Blanke, Pastor Zach Sarrault

Wednesday

Intentional Parenting

6:00-7:00 pm — Room 240, Family Life Center — September 4-November 20

Leaders: Pastor Zach Sarrault, Erika Hulse

Men With Kids, The Book of Jonah

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

Leader: 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.

Grace-ful Women ~ Ragged by Gretchen Ronnevik

6:30-7:30 pm — Room 251, Family Life Center — October 30-December 18

Leaders: Pastor Jonathan and Juli Blanke

Using this book as a point of departure, we will seek to understand what spiritual disciplines are and encourage one another to incorporate them into our lives from the perspective of living by God's grace.

Building a Christian Reconciliation Team

6:30-7:30 pm — Fellowship Hall — October 30-December 18

Leader: Pastor Alan Shaw

This workshop will describe how to cultivate reconciliation as a lifestyle in the family, church, school, work-place, 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.

RLC Stephen Ministry Leaders

For All the Saints

We again highlight a RLC Stephen Ministry theme each month and how Stephen Ministers help support people who may be experiencing life challenges. In October, we focused on the grief a parent experiences when a child dies. This month, we again focus on grief loved ones may experience from a friend or family member that has died. However, we want to shift that focus to one of thanksgiving as we remember the Church Triumphant and All Saint's Day (November 1st).

We celebrate with all the saints that have passed before us, but this month, we joined forces with our RLC Veteran's Group to recognize veterans at rest in the RLC Columbarium with a wreath. The wreaths are an extension of the mission of Wreaths Across America. You can read a full description of their history and mission [by clicking here](#) or by visiting their organizational website.

Stephen Ministry is a great resource to those experiencing the loss of a loved one. Over time, a Stephen Minister can use the Christ-centered approach to help someone process their grief while looking forward to the hope all Christians share in the resurrection. The resurrection of Christ from the dead is what gives us hope, and it is His promise knowing that we too experience the joy of eternal life, both "now" in promise, and "then" in practice.



As the hymn says (#677 in your pew hymnals, verses 1 and 7), "For all the saints who from their labors rest, Who Thee by faith before the world confess, Thy name, oh Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia. Alleluia. But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day: The saints triumphant rise in bright array; The King of Glory passes on His way. Alleluia. Alleluia."

Stephen Ministry is not designed to replace professionally trained grief counselors, but we are well-equipped to support people during challenging times in life. Stephen Ministers are called "Care Givers", but we know that only Christ is the "Cure Giver". It is through Christ's relationship with us that Stephen Ministers can be that safe space for people to express their grief. It is our "ministry of presence" and sometimes all a person needs to know is that they are not alone.

To learn more about Stephen Ministry at RLC, [click here](#). If you or someone you know who could use a listening partner, consider emailing the Stephen Leader team at stephenministry@rlcary.org and ask about how to make a referral to a Stephen Minister.

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 fun, family games and food.

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

And Sunday School for Middle and High School will remain at 9:30-10:30 am in The Warehouse (Room 253, Family Life Center).

Worship in the Park
Sunday, November 10
Ritter Park

10:00 am – Sunday School for Children
11:00 am – Worship
Musical Offering by Resurrection Lutheran School Students
Followed by Family Games and Food

Gifts & Memorials

For the Love Fund

In Memory of Bill Xenakis

Marilyn Bremer
Fran Xenakis

For Gifts and Memorials

In honor of
Andrew Johnson's Baptism

Anthony Johnson

For the Purchase of Chancel Rail Cushions

Bill and Fran Xenakis



Resurrection Lutheran Women

Advent Tea

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 due by Sunday, November 17. Please use the form located in your church mailbox or at the information tables in Narthex and Family Life Center lobby to register.

Volunteer opportunities are available and listed on registration form.

Questions? Contact Dawn Leister through RCB or the church office.



Lutheran Women in Mission

Mites and Mission Grants

Every biennium, Lutheran Women in Mission receives mission grant proposals from organizations poised to spread the Gospel and serve others. This biennium, they received a record-breaking 112 submissions! Hearts overflow with joy and praise for God's glorious work through Lutheran Women in Mission.

The LWML Mission Grant Selection Committee is comprised of nine members responsible for reviewing and evaluating each proposal based on established criteria. They will prayerfully select which grant proposals will be placed on the ballot for the 2025 LWML Convention in Omaha, Nebraska. Please pray for these volunteers, dedicating their time and wisdom to this massive project. Pray for them to seek and know God's will for each ministry being considered.

During the 69th Biennial LWML Carolinas District Convention that was held here at RLC in September, the 42 voting delegates approved 9 mission grants and a mission goal of \$80,000 for the 2024–2026 biennium.

Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4), Mite Box contributions amount to millions of dollars that fund district and national mission grants and implement the LWML program.

Outreach Service to the Community

The Piecemakers

Thank you to everyone who so generously and enthusiastically supported the Blessing of the Quilts weekend last month. 235 quilts have been boxed up and will be transported to Lutheran World Relief.

Our sale netted \$3,500! The Piecemakers will send quilts and baby quilts not sold at our sale to Black Mountain NC for distribution to those in need following Hurricane Helene.

Congratulations to Bruce Kennedy who won the quilt raffle. He has graciously elected to send his quilt to the relief effort in Western North Carolina also.

Thank you again to our congregation for your generosity and support of this quilting mission which will allow us to continue God's work for another year!



Happy Anniversary!

November 4

Greg and Terry Williams
35 years

November 5

Mike and Trudy Haertling
30 years

November 15

Jeff and Corinne Watson
10 years

November 16

Bob and Joyce Hirt
61 years

November 20

John and Barbara Laskey
53 years

November 27

Chris and Stacy Reed
5 years



CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR AND LUNCHEON

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

2920 HWY 42 WEST, CLAYTON NC 27520

Come shop and enjoy lunch!

Children and Family Ministry

Fall Festival Fun!

Thank you to everyone who hosted a trunk or volunteered for the Fall Festival! It was a beautiful afternoon full of many smiles and much laughter.

Over 120 children from Resurrection Lutheran Church, School, Preschool, and the community enjoyed a bounce house, a delicious fall snack station, games led by the Youth Groups, and more games provided by the Children's Ministry team.

We thank God for the blessing of amazing volunteers, beautiful weather, and an afternoon of fellowship!



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

Middle School and High School

Youth Ministry News

November Youth Reflection:

So much has been happening in the Youth life at RLC! Youth Groups are going strong, trying new games and activities, the focus in devotions has been on what it looks like to be Christ like, our first big service event took



place (Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat), and our LCMS Youth Gathering Team had their first fundraiser. We were able to raise over \$600 and we are ever so grateful to the families that came and stopped by to meet the youth and adults. City BBQ on Kildaire Farm did an amazing job of serving everyone with plenty of smiles and yummy BBQ.

I thought it might be fun to start a “Did You Know?” section for each of our groups so that not only the youth, but the Congregation might get to know what is happening in the Youth World at RLC.

Middle School - Did you know that we meet every Wednesday?

True! We do! Friends are always welcome, and I am so grateful for the help of Christa Newcomb in running the group and developing those important relationships within the church.

High School - Did you know that our High School is made up of youth attending more than a dozen high schools throughout Wake County?

True. We are a very diverse group that come together to share our faith, build friendships for a lifetime, and have some fun.

LCMS Youth Gathering - Did you know that we have 17 youth and 6 adults signed up to attend the 2025 Youth Gathering in New Orleans this summer?

True! You will be seeing a lot of information and fundraising opportunities to support our group. For each youth and adult to attend from RLC, it costs \$1,860 (this includes registration/participation fees, hotel, plane, activities, food, transportation, etc.). It's a lot and we appreciate your support!

(Our next fundraiser is Parents Night Out on December 6 - share with all the families with kids that you know!)

You can follow RLC Youth @youthatrlc on Instagram!

Joyfully His,
Ms. Jenny, Youth Ministry Director
jenny.pointek@rlcary.org or 919-851-7248, ext. 24

**RLC Youth
November Schedule**

Sunday School Nov. 10 & 17 ONLY	Middle School Youth Group Nov. 6, 13 & 20 6:00-7:00pm
Youth Gathering Nov 17 4:00-5:00	HighSchool Youth Group Nov. 10, 17, 24 5:00-6:30pm
Service Project Dec 1 12:30-2:30pm Decorate the church for Christmas	

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

High School Youth and Adults will provide:

- Dinner
- Games
- A movie
- Crafts



DEC 6
2024

5:30-9:00 PM

\$20/CHILD

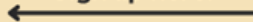
3 YEAR OLD POTTY TRAINED
TO 5TH GRADE

Resurrection
Lutheran Church
Family Life Center
Gym



Contact Jenny Piontek
jenny.piontek@rlcary.org

Sign up here!



Resurrection Lutheran Preschool

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Resurrection Lutheran Preschool (RLP) is 40 YEARS OLD!

We opened our doors to this community with one class of eight 4-year-olds. The preschool program has certainly grown during these years.

RLP has served over 4,500 children and their families since 1984. More than 400 staff members have taught children more than letters, numbers, shapes, and colors. We have shared the love of Jesus while nurturing and caring for our students. We continue to provide a safe Christian environment where children “learn through play.”

Thank you to EVERYONE that have prayed for the preschool children and staff, and supported RLP over all these years!

Faithfully
Offering
Reaching out
Teaching
Young ones
Years

STEM TEAM VISIT

We recently had the pleasure of welcoming Dr. Garcia and his team to our school. Dr. Garcia is the Director of STEM Education and K-12 Curriculum for Greene County Schools. Dr. Garcia was joined by Marcy Keener and Nancy Mangum. Their visit was an incredible opportunity for us to gain insights and feedback as they observed our classrooms, met with staff, and explored our campus. They shared their impressions of our learning environment, describing it as “engaging,” “organized,” and “inviting.” Each classroom they visited, along with the STEM projects, lessons, and challenges they observed, truly impressed them.

2025-2026 ENROLLMENT

The admissions season has begun and we have been busy arranging tours, hosting Open Houses, and fielding phone calls from new families interested in enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year. Thank you all for encouraging friends, neighbors, and community members to visit RLS to learn about our program and what makes us so special. Currently enrolled families will have an opportunity to re-enroll and submit sibling applications prior to general public. You will receive info regarding re-enrollment November 15, 2024.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November 4	PSO Meeting, 6:30 pm
November 5	No School, Election Day
November 10	JK-8th Grade Choirs Sing, RLC 11:00 am, Ritter Park
November 11	Veterans Day Program, Early Release at 11:30 am Spirit Day at Chick-Fil-A, 11:00 am-9:00 pm
November 18-22	Scholastic Book Fair
November 27-29	No School, Thanksgiving Break



Resurrection Lutheran School

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Director of Admissions/
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Choose JOY

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13 NIV



Mission:
Resurrection Lutheran School is committed to educating generations of children in the training and instruction of the Lord. Because of this commitment, we will provide a Lutheran educational experience that is Christ-centered, as well as academically focused for children in junior kindergarten through eighth grade.



WORSHIP

Join us for worship!

Saturday, 6:00 pm

Sunday, 8:00 am*, 9:30 am, and Praise 11:00 am*

*Live Stream Services

Connect through our YouTube channel

[@ResurrectionLutheranCary](https://www.youtube.com/@ResurrectionLutheranCary)

or through our website at

rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship



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Rev. Alan Shaw, Assistant Pastor

GIVING

We appreciate your contributions to our congregation. Here are the different ways to make your offering:

- Place in offering plate during worship
- Mail to 100 Lochmere Drive West, Cary NC 27518
- Online through our church website at rlcary.org/ministries/online-giving
- Download the Vanco Mobile app to transfer funds from your account

Questions? Contact finance@rlcary.org.

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