

Last Sunday of the Church Year

November 24, 2024



Pastor's Corner for November 24-30, 2024

Christ the King (Revelation 1:4b-8)

“Who’s in charge here?” Have you ever said those words? Maybe under your breath in confusion or out loud in frustration? I can’t help but picture in my mind a preschool room with no adult, kids running everywhere, painting walls, throwing food, crashing through toys, and just going crazy when I think of that question. That might be a comedic image, but there are many more serious times in life when we wonder who is in charge. Whether you are the one in charge or someone else, there usually needs to be someone in command.

The person in charge usually comes with certain stereotypes. They could be a taskmaster, not pitching in but just telling everyone else what to do. Someone who is stern, not swayed by emotions or the needs of others. Someone who is focused on one goal only and will do anything to accomplish that one thing. More times than not, that person in charge may be physically close but emotionally distant, not too concerned with those beneath him or her.

Revelation gives us a picture of Who is in charge. Throughout the Revelation, we can get images of God that can be scary to say the least, One that we might not want to be close to, but it isn't the image that I want to draw attention to, it is the action. God is in charge, not because of what He looks like (though that could be enough!), but because of what He has done for all of creation. God, as the One in charge, doesn't distance Himself from His people, but desires to be with us and will do anything to accomplish that one goal.

God's goal is always the same; that sinners would be forgiven and given a place in His kingdom that has no end. He has accomplished that, not by giving the job to someone else, but by doing the job Himself. God, in the flesh, shed His blood so that we would never know death. God, in the flesh, is the firstborn from the dead so that we too may live in the power of the resurrection. God has given us His grace and peace from Himself.

Grace and peace are not simply attributes of God and they are certainly not goals that we have before us to accomplish. They are gifts that God gives to us that we have in our possession. As the One in charge, He gives us exactly what we need to live, not just right now but also in eternity. We don't need to wait to live in the presence of God, we are His kingdom and the King will always live in His kingdom. That's you and me!

Your forgiven brother in Christ,
Pastor Zach Sarrault

Please note, the church office will be closed on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29. Happy Thanksgiving!

Prayers of the Church




We gather for worship on the eve of this national Day of Thanksgiving with joyful hearts, and we raise our hymns and prayers in gratitude to God for an abundance of blessings.

God, in His Grace, has given us all that we need for body and soul. We respond with thanksgiving, recognizing that all we have is from His Grace.

Join us in the Sanctuary for Worship and Holy Communion!

Service will be live streamed to [YouTube @ResurrectionLutheranCary](#).
There will be no other Wednesday night activities held.

Flowers on the Sanctuary Altar
In Memory of Evelyn Hilldale
by Devin Hilldale



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

(No Class December 1)

MONDAY

No Monday Night Women's Bible Study

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

Advent Studies - December 2-9

Jamee Thieme, Sharon Hahne, Dawn Leister

(No Class November 25)

No 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

(No Class November 25)

TUESDAY

No Tuesday Morning Bible Study

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

Ongoing

Pastor Jonathan Blanke, Pastor Zach Sarrault

(No Class November 26)

WEDNESDAY

No Building a Christian Reconciliation Team

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm - Fellowship Hall

October 30-December 18

Pastor Alan Shaw

(No Class November 27)

No Men with Kids - The Book of Jonah

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm - Room 247, Family Life Center

October 30-December 18

Tom Gebbia

(No Class November 27)

No Grace-ful Women

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm - Room 251, Family Life Center

Ragged - October 30-December 18

Pastor Jonathan and Juli Blanke

(No Class November 27)

Christian education information, including class descriptions, [can be found here](#). Any questions can be directed to the church office at office@rlcary.org or 919-851-7248.

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 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.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer Shawl Participants: Rebecca Melland-Kuo will be dropping off hats and scarves for the Neighbor to Neighbor group in mid-December. Please have your donations turned in **by Sunday, December 1.**

Have you thought about joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry? Did you know that we make more than just prayer shawls? We also make hats from preemie to adult sized, scarves for kids to adults, and blankets!

Questions? Contact Rebecca Melland-Kuo or Betsy Moll through RCB, or the church office at office@rlcary.org or 919-851-7248.

**RESURRECTION
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

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 Women's Ministries

Special thanks to Thrivent for supporting our *Preparing for Jesus: An Advent Tea* through the Thrivent Action Team program. Sign up is now closed; we look forward to a full house on December 7. Please remember to bring a teacup with

you - we will send a reminder the week prior.

Questions? Contact Dawn Leister or Carol Bostick through RCB or the church office at office@rlcary.org or 919-851-7248.



Voter's Meeting Sunday, December 8

12:30 pm in the Sanctuary

Main Topic is the
Election of Council Members for 2025

The three candidates are listed below:



MIKE HAERTLING

Mike and his wife Trudy have been members of Resurrection since 2018. Both are active in the church, helping during Saturday Evening Service or 8:00 am Service, Coffeehouse, Wednesday Evening Suppers, and other special events. Mike retired from Los Alamos National Laboratory after 36 years of service in Nuclear Weapons engineering and physics, but continues to consult part time with the Department of Energy out of Washington DC.

Mike is completing his fourth year on the RLC Council (completing 2nd year as President) and is interested in serving for another term. He wants to continue working on charters, the Resurrection Lutheran Church Governance Document, and communications both within the Resurrection Lutheran Church, School, and Preschool community and externally with our sister LCMS churches in the Raleigh area. Mike's main goal continues to be serving the Lord and helping ensure the church continues to teach God's Word in its truth and purity as presented in the Holy Scripture and the Confessions of our church – despite the fast-changing world around us.



JASON JENNINGS

Jason and his wife, Martha, have been members of Resurrection since 2022. They have two sons, Jackson (7) and Max (5). Max is in kindergarten at Resurrection Lutheran School. Jason is thrilled with the way Resurrection teaches ways to incorporate a Christ-centered focus in the family. That's why you can often spot Jason attending the 11:00 am Sunday worship service, adult Christian Education on Sundays and Wednesdays, Wednesday morning Chapel at RLS, many young family gatherings, or playing for the church softball team. Martha also helps teach children's Sunday School for kindergarten and first grade.

Jason was born in Raleigh, grew up in Cary right across the street from RLC, and previously served on the worship team and audio/visual team for the now closed New Haven Baptist Church and Freedom River Church in Raleigh. Jason currently works for the North Carolina Community Foundation and has experience working for local television stations, including more than 12 years at WRAL. He is also active on his son's Cub Scouts leadership committee and is often helping coach his sons' sports teams.



CHARLES MILLER

I have been married to Stacy Miller for 23 years, moved to North Carolina in 2007 where we have raised our family. We joined RLC 12 years ago because the teachings and morals of this church are well aligned with our own beliefs. We are especially thankful that our children could be raised in the close-knit and caring environment which this congregation has provided. My two children, Nora (20) and James (18), both attended Resurrection Lutheran Preschool and School.

I have served on the RLC Council for the past 2 years. Additionally, I have enjoyed being one of the cooks for the monthly men's breakfast and serving as usher at the 8:00 am service. I would like to continue my service on the council, especially to further develop and maintain the culture which attracted our family to RLC.



The Coffeehouse for Special Needs Adults

A big thank you and all the Glory to God for another year of The Coffeehouse at Resurrection!

We do not have a Coffeehouse in December, so our next one will be **Friday, January 10** in the Family Life Center Gym. We will be starting our 23rd year! Come join us to volunteer!



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

RLC Library November Wish List

11/3/2024

Lutheranism 101

by Scot A. Kinnaman 3rd Edition

Law and Gospel: How to Read & Apply the Bible

by C.F.W. Walther

God at Work: Your Christian Vocation in All of Life

by Gene Veith

The Cost of Discipleship

by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Grace Upon Grace: Spirituality for Today

by John Kleinig

Heaven on Earth: The Gifts of Christ in the Divine Service

by Arthur A. Just

Reformation Graphic Novel Set

Family Wellness: Raising Resilient, Christ-Purposed Children

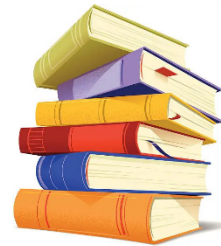
by John D. Eckrich

Our Faith from A to Z

by Ruth E. Meyer

From Abraham to Paul: A Biblical Chronology

by Andrew E. Steinmann



Questions? Contact Joyce Bocksnick through RCB or the church office (919-851-7248, office@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.

Youth Ministry

Middle School and High School





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!*



Informational Sessions

TK: PARENT'S PERSPECTIVE

Tuesday, December 3rd @7:00 pm

T-K Room #112

- Hear first-hand benefits and reasons for 'gifting an extra year' to your child (including down the road- 3rd grade, middle/high school, college).
 - Conversation with former TK parents for families "weighing options" and "on-the-fence" regarding sending a child to T-K vs. kindergarten.
 - Wake County Kindergarten teacher shares expectations of students & a 'typical day' for a kindergartner.
 - Opportunity for conversation with RLP's Staff about our program.
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TK TEACHERS Session

Thursday, January 9th @12:30 pm

TK Room #112

Opportunity for conversation about our program with our TK teachers in their classroom.



Resurrection Lutheran School



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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, November 16
6:00 pm - 66

Sunday, November 17
8:00 am - 92

9:30 am - 176
11:00 am - 112

Total In-Person Worship: 446

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, November 17
8:00 am, 11:00 am - no live stream
9:30 am - 100

Total Online Views: 100 views

Financial Update - Fiscal 2024/25

October 2024

Budgeted Giving to Date: \$449,500.00
Actual Giving to Date: \$441,818.37
Current Over/(Under) Giving: \$(7,681.63)

Budgeted Expenses to Date: \$483,333.33
Actual Expenses to Date: \$473,060.12
Current Under/(Over) Spend: \$10,273.21

Questions? Contact finance@rlcary.org.

Church Calendar



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Prayers of the Church – November 24, 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 November 17, 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
- Birth of Beatrice Graham Blanford, Granddaughter of *Diane and *Bob Hoffmeister
- Baptism of Skye Dawn Leister on November 2, Granddaughter of *Dawn and *Keith Leister
- Martha, Sister of *Charlotte Raines, Doesn't Require Surgery
- New Widows Group
- Ladies Luncheon Group
- Ryan's Baptism

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, Ongoing Cancer Treatment
- *Helen Campbell
- Joan Gresens, Mother of *Phil Gresens
- Terrie Johnson, Mother of *Jen Kirby
- *Alison Whatley
- *Sally Cotton
- *Yvette Crawley, Recovery
- Christie, Cancer Treatment
- Fred Litten, Recovery
- Evelyn Bloom
- Debbie, Sister of *Lynne Hoffman
- Dan Wolf, Recovery from Massive Heart Attack
- Laurie, Surgery November 18
- Paul, Doug, Imma, Mindy, Brian, Anne, Fran, Janeth, Lynne, Roy, Alice, Dan, Noreen, Slyvia, Kathleen, Marie, Olivia, Shelby, Virginia, Jamie, Darlene, Olive, Harold, Ken, Alan, Kelly, Tracey, Tee, Lynne, Dave, Joe, Debbie, Reggie, Henry, Shim, Cathy, Fran

For Comfort

- Friends and Family of Diane Bean, especially Husband Pastor Matt Bean, Personal Friend and Colleague of *Pastor Jonathan Blanke

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 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
- Immanuel Lutheran Church, Altamont IL and Their Call Process
- Mark, Son of *Charlotte Raines, and Their Family
- Searching for Right Home to Purchase

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
- Our New Ministry of Presence

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

- 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.*