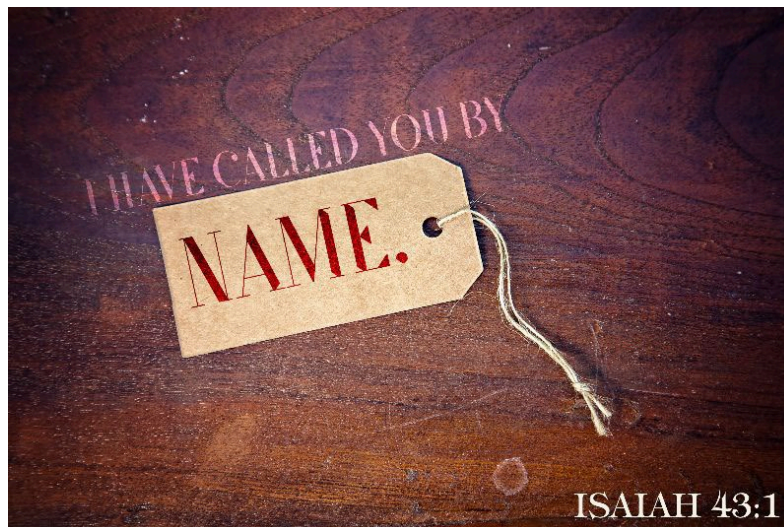


The Baptism of Our Lord

January 12, 2025



Pastor's Corner for January 12-18, 2025

God Knows Your Name (Isaiah 43:1-7)

With baby girl number 2 coming in the Sarrault household, names have been a big topic of conversation around the dinner table. We have narrowed down the list to three or four, depending on the day, but it's still a big deal! It's fun to pick out a name for our kid, but there can also be some pressure to go with it. She will have this name for the rest of her life! Will she like her name? Will she get picked on because of her name? Will the name match her personality? How long will it take her to spell her name? What meaning do we want her name to have?

We spend the time on our children's names because we love them. We name the things we love: our kids and pets, sometimes homes, vehicles, or other items. The things and people in our lives that we cherish and care about have a name to go with them. How a name came about can sometimes be a fun story.

With all the pressure of picking a name, I find incredible assurance in the fact that God already knows our daughter's name, even if we don't, just like He knows your name. God speaks to you and me in Isaiah 43, "**Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.**" Your Father God calls you by your name. He knows your name. Think about that for a moment. The God of the universe, the God who created and named every single star in the galaxy, the One who made every atom and blade of grass, the One who knows every thought, every moment, everything that has happened and will happen. The Almighty of heaven and earth knows your name and speaks to you on a first name basis. What awesome love is that!

God has known you from before you were born, from before creation God knew your name. In knowing your name, He knows who you are and what He has done for you. He knows that your name is forgiven, redeemed, and renewed into His perfect image. The hand of our Creator God has written your name in the Book of Life, putting your name on an address tag in your heavenly home.

Because God knows your name and has redeemed you, He calls us not to fear the things of this world. There is a lot to be afraid of; in our personal lives, in the world around us, in the lives of those we love, but you belong to the God who has conquered all of it and made you a member of His possession. Fear and evil cannot harm you because God knows you in the personal intimacy of a first name basis.

Your named brother in Christ,
Pastor Zach Sarrault

Prayers of the Church



Baptized at the Sunday 9:30 am service is

Harper Lillian Denault

born June 16, 2016

and

Ethan Richard Denault

Harper is the daughter of Ethan Richard Denault
and Denise Leeann Denault.

Godparents are Kevin and Lisa Roberts.

*May God's blessing be upon Harper Lillian and Ethan Richard
as they grow in their baptismal grace.*



Baptized at the Sunday 9:30 am service is

Lucas Timothy Clarke

born November 23, 2024

son of Alexander Harrison Clarke and Melanie Joy Clarke.

Godparents are Josh and Melissa Walton.

*May God's blessing be upon Lucas Timothy
as he grows in his baptismal grace.*



It is with great sadness and in Christian love and hope that we announce that our sister in Christ, **June Buckler**, was called to rest with Jesus.

A Celebration of Life in Christ for June is being planned at a location out of state.

Our prayers are with her daughter, Diane Breznik, and their family at this time.

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

SUNDAY

Christian Discipleship in an Instant Society

Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am

Fellowship Hall

January 5-February 9

Bob and Barb Shimmel

MONDAY

Monday Night Women's Bible Study

***Meant for Good* by Donna Snow**

Mondays, 7:00-8:00 pm

Room 151, Family Life Center, and Online via Zoom

January 6-May 19

Jamee Thieme, Sharon Hahne, Dawn Leister

Men's Weekly Study and Fellowship

Last Living a Life of Purpose: Adding Value to Others

Mondays, 7:00-8:15 pm

Room 240, Family Life Center

January 6 and 13

Joe Bastante, Tom Gebbia

Nurturing Your Faith: Patient Urgency

by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Mondays, 7:00-8:15 pm

Room 240, Family Life Center

January 20-February 17

Tom Gebbia

TUESDAY

Tuesday Morning Bible Study and Fellowship

Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 am

Fellowship Hall

Ongoing

Pastor Jonathan Blanke, Pastor Zach Sarrault, Pastor Alan Shaw

WEDNESDAY

Intentional Parenting

Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm

Room 240, Family Life Center
January 8-February 19
Pastor Zach Sarrault, Erika Hulse

Men with Kids - *Book of Jonah*

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm
Room 247, Family Life Center
January 8-February 19
Group Led, Tom Gebbia

Grace-ful Women

Scandalous Stories: A Sort of Commentary on Parables

by Daniel Emery Price and Erick Sorensen

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm
Room 251, Family Life Center
January 8-February 19
Shane Jarvis

Look for detailed class offerings at Info Centers in the Narthex and Family Life Center Lobby or [on the website](#).

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>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 First Communion, RM 244 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!

January 15

Roasted Chicken with Potatoes and Carrots, Salad, Fruit, and Pie

January 22

Swedish Meatballs with Egg Noodles, Salad, Fruit, and Cake

January 29

Jersey Mike's, Chips, Fruit, and Cookies

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.

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, January 18

We will use the Taizé 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 Men's Breakfast has been rescheduled to **January 18**, due to this weekend's inclement weather forecast.

Contact Tom Gebbia through RCB or mens-ministry@rlcary.org for more information regarding the RLC Men's Ministry and any of the events.

“We Want You” RLC Stephen Ministry Leaders

January's Stephen Ministry theme is a recruiting message. We are looking for people who have a desire to help people and be a part of our “ministry of presence.” If you would like to join the Resurrection Stephen Ministry team, keep reading. If you're not sure, keep reading. If you're pretty sure you this isn't for you, keep reading anyway.

Every two years, RLC hosts a training class for new Stephen Ministers. This is our “off year”, but it's never too early to be thinking about if this is something you'd like

to do, so let's take a "peek behind the curtain" and see what this is all about.



I'll be honest, the training program is very time intensive. You will invest about 2-hours of a Sunday afternoon for about 20-weeks (depending on the start date and surrounding holidays). I remember when I started on a cold January afternoon thinking, "it's going to be after Easter and a warm spring day before I finish this." Yep... it sure was, but it was some of the best training I've received on how to listen to others, how to provide Christ-centered emotional and spiritual care and how to be a part of the caring community to serve others in need. People who have completed the training also say how it's improved their relationships with family members or co-workers as they apply listening and empathy to their everyday lives.



Your service as a Stephen Minister is also directly assisting the pastors at RLC. It is impossible for the pastors to visit and care for all the members of the church. They rely on other members of the congregation, like our Stephen Ministers, to care and visit people in need. Stephen Ministry is a great example of how the different parts of the body work together, centered on Christ as the head, to love and serve one another. We do not train you to be professional grief counselors or therapists, but we will equip you to support people during challenging times in life. Are you up to the challenge? Click the email link below and let us know to keep you in mind for our next class.

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.

Reach Out and Say Hello!

Fran Xenakis has moved recently and would love to have people come by or call any time. Her new address is 215 Brightmore Drive, Unit 443, Cary NC 27518-8158. Please check RCB or contact the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org) for her telephone number.

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 & Family Ministry News

January 2025

Important Dates:

January 5 - Sunday School resumes
9:30-10:30 am

January 5 - New Bible Buddy Adoption
9:30-noon

January 8 - Kidz Live & KICKS 6-7 pm

January 25 - Family Service Project




First Responder Family Service Project



Saturday, January 25
10:00-11:30 am
in the Fellowship Hall



**Families will build snack baskets
for local first responders
& deliver them.**



Sign Up: bit.ly/3Perilh



Sign Up: bit.ly/3W7rUx5

Questions? Contact Erika Hulse, Children and Family Ministry Director,
at erika.hulse@rlcary.org or 919-851-7248, ext. 62.

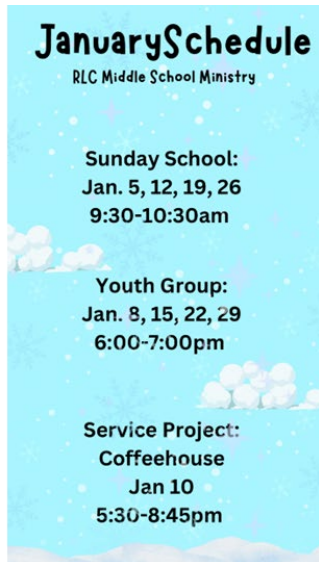
Youth Ministry

Middle School and High School

High School Youth Group:

Thank you to all who took the time to vote for the High School meeting time. We will continue to meet on **Sundays, 5:00-6:30 pm**. In keeping the same time, we do need to fluctuate how we will enter the building due to RLS hiring a cleaning company that is cleaning the building during our meeting time. We will be utilizing the back staircase/entrance to the Warehouse. Look for a video on Instagram, if you aren't sure where that is. Or follow the lights. Parents who pick up, we will also be dismissing from the back entrance (playground end of the school building). It will take a couple of weeks to get into the routine, but we will work on

it.



January Schedule
RLC Middle School Ministry

Sunday School:
Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26
9:30-10:30am

Youth Group:
Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29
6:00-7:00pm

Service Project:
Coffeehouse
Jan 10
5:30-8:45pm



January Schedule
RLC High School Ministry

Sunday School:
Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26
9:30-10:30am

Youth Group:
Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26
5-6:30pm
**we will use the back entrance*

Service Project:
Coffeehouse
Jan 10
5:30-8:45pm

Youth Gathering:
Jan 12
4:00-5:00
Be on time!
We have lots to cover!
Plane tix have been bought!

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

Resurrection Lutheran Preschool

Enrollment for 2025-26

at Resurrection Lutheran
PRESCHOOL

Our program provides a balance of academic and social opportunities by 'learning through play' in a loving Christian atmosphere.

+ Classes for children 2-years-old thru 5-years-old +



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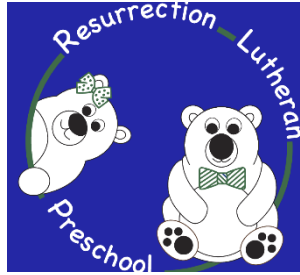
Resurrection Lutheran Preschool
3-year-olds
to Rising kindergarteners
(children currently in our 2 g. classes can come!)
(ALL Ages MUST be toilet-trained)

June 2 - 5 (9:15-12:30)
June 9 - 12 (9:15-12:30)
June 16 - 19 (9:15-12:30)

RLChurch VBS June 23-27

Neighbors, friends, & family welcome!
Brochures and Registration forms in January!

Mark Your Calendars!



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

Resurrection Lutheran School



rlscary.org
Junior Kindergarten-8th Grade

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

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, January 4
6:00 pm - 45

Sunday, January 5
8:00 am - 90

9:30 am - 156
11:00 am - 102

Total In-Person Worship: 393

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, December 29
8:00 am - 95
11:00 am - 47

Total Online Views: 142 views

Financial Update - Fiscal 2024/25

December 2024

Budgeted Giving to Date: \$775,750.00
Actual Giving to Date: \$756,704.00
Current Over/(Under) Giving: \$(19,046.00)

Budgeted Expenses to Date: \$725,000.00
Actual Expenses to Date: \$706,431.00
Current Under/(Over) Spend: \$18,569.00

Questions? Contact finance@rlcary.org.

Church Calendar



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Prayers of the Church – January 12, 2025

*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

*Janet Lucien, *Hannah Yllanes, *Kelsey Sarrault, *Lauren Unger

Those Prayed for on January 5, 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

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, Recovery and Therapy
- Doug Gill, Ongoing Cancer Treatment
- *Helen Campbell
- Terrie Johnson, Mother of *Jen Kirby
- *Alison Whatley
- *Sally Cotton
- *Yvette Crawley
- Christie, Cancer Treatment
- Steve Cottle, Healing
- Brian, Recovery
- Marge Gallagher, Healing
- *Gene Woltman
- Marion Cecconi, Mother of *Lecia Roberts
- Mike Hodgins
- Bryon, Pam, Jan, Dana, Sam, Rich, Fran, Jackie, Kay, Roz, Carol, Marilyn, Karl, Linda, Ricky, Jean, Cathy, Paul, Lynne, Roy, Thelma, Bruce, Julianne, Rosalyn, Gene and Lois, Kathy, Noreen, Sylvia, Eric, Chelby, Ken, Harold, Dave, Joe, Debbie

For Comfort

- Friends and Family of John Jackson's Wife, Cousin of *Fran Xenakis
- Friends and Family of Gloria Farr, Mother of *Jenny Kvantas
- Friends and Family of Mark Raines, Son of *Charlotte Raines
- Friends and Family of LaVerne Kulich, Mother of *Carole Shaeffer
- Friends and Family of *June Buckler, Mother of *Diane Breznik

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 and People of Gaza, Peace in the Middle East
- People of Syria
- 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
- Wayne and Dorothy Conners, and Their Family
- Families Together Families Displaced by Fire
- Family Disfunction

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 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
- Orphan Grain Train

For Our Missionaries

- JP and Aimee Cima, Cambodia
[Click here for the Cima Family Newsletter!](#)
- Shauen and Krista Trump, Kenya

*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.*