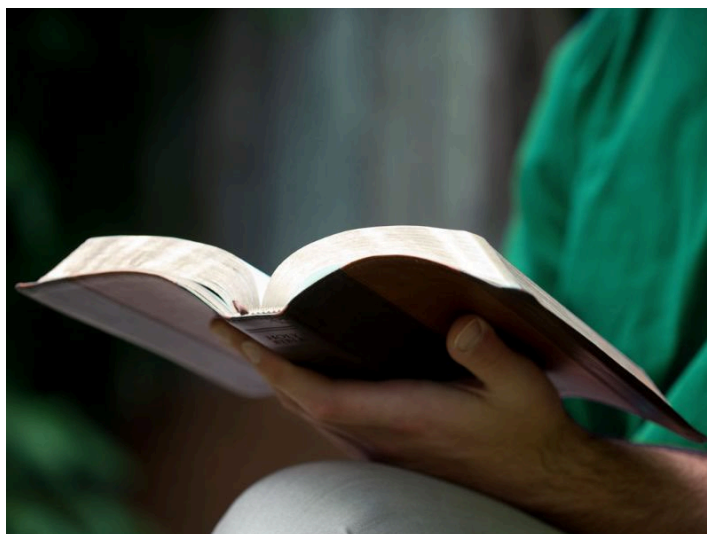


Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany

February 23, 2025



Pastor's Corner for February 23-March 1, 2025

A Grace-Filled Story (Genesis 45:3-15)

A practical way to read any Bible story is by asking two questions, “Who do I identify with?” and “Where is Jesus?”. The answers might seem easy, but it’s a good way to be immersed in God’s Story that is our story through baptism.

One of my favorite Bible stories is of Joseph in Genesis. To hit the highlights of the story (take a break and go read the full thing!), Joseph is Jacob’s favorite son and knows it. God gives Joseph dreams, which he then brags about to all 10 of his older brothers, which, of course, upsets them so they sell him into slavery (as all angry brothers think about from time to time). While a slave in Egypt, Joseph goes from head slave in the rich household of Potiphar, betrayed, put in prison, interpreting dreams, forgotten, remembered, interpret more dreams, and then become ruler over all of Egypt, second only to Pharaoh. Joseph has quite the

rollercoaster of a story that shows God's presence and power no matter the trials that he faces.

When reading the story, I like to identify with Joseph. It gives me a good reminder that no matter what I face, no matter how mean other people are to me or how tough life gets, God is still with me. That's one way to read the story, but if I'm honest, I should identify with Joseph's brothers.

If I identify with the brothers, I see myself more honestly. Instead of the victim of trials and sin in this world, I'm the one who creates trials and struggles with sin. Instead of the one who is betrayed and forgotten, I'm the one who breaks relationships and forgets others. Instead of the one who rises to power and finds success, I'm the one who is tired, lonely, and in need of help. I might not like it, but that's a much more honest view of myself in my day-to-day life.

So, if reality says I should identify with Joseph's brothers, who is Joseph? Joseph is the Jesus figure in this story. At the end of the story, when Joseph oversees all Egypt, it's Joseph that holds food to give to everyone in need. The brothers, who have hated, sold, and forgotten Joseph, need to go to him for food. Through a dramatic and surprising turn of events (seriously go read the story!), Joseph doesn't just give his brothers the food they ask for, he gives them an entire land to live in under his protection as well as all they would ever need to live and grow in this good land.

That's what Jesus does for us! No matter how poorly we treat Jesus, forget about Him, throw Him aside, tell Him He doesn't matter, or live as if He wasn't there, our Savior will always give us more than we could ever ask for. We come to Jesus in our sin, asking for just enough food to get by, but He gives us so much more. He gives us a home for all eternity, His loving-presence through all we face, the Food of His Word to be strengthened by, and His eternal protection against the evil one.

I might not like identifying with the brothers in the story, but when I see my sin honestly, the love of Jesus comes through in a much more beautiful light.

Your fed brother in Christ,
Pastor Zach Sarrault

Prayers of the Church

The Herod Family

Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am

Fellowship Hall


February 16-March 23

Plan to attend to better understand the New Testament by learning about the confusing collection of Herods who grew from a simple crime family into the rulers of Judaea and beyond.

Led by Paul Brandt

We will explore their inclusion in Scripture and their connections with the rich and famous like Julius Caesar, Marc Antony, Caesar Augustus, Cleopatra, and more. Along the way, we will tour “Herod’s Temple” to see where Jesus confronted the oligarchs of his time, where he taught, where a widow gave her mite, and more.

Led by Paul Brandt. Bring your Bible; no materials to buy.



**Flowers on the Sanctuary Altar
In Memory of 10 year Anniversary
of When My Husband David
Was Called to Heaven
by Jo Lynn Van Wart**

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 Altar Flowers!](#)

Mites for Missions

We will be collecting Mites for Missions at all services this weekend, **February 22 and 23**. Please place your gifts in the large purple Mite Box in the Narthex near Sanctuary Worship.

Gifts can also be made by check, payable to RLC, and mailed directly to Donna Krupcale, % Resurrection Lutheran Church, 100 Lochmere Drive West, Cary NC 27518. The large Mite Box is always available at the Welcome table in the Narthex for gifts anytime during the month.



Thank you for supporting the mission grants of Lutheran Women in Mission!

Combined Women's and Men's Potluck and Study

There will be a Combined Women's and Men's Potluck and Study on **Monday, February 24** starting at 6:30 pm in Room 240, Family Life Center.

Potluck will start at 6:30 pm and the Study around 7:00 pm. The single session study is *The Rock on Which It Is Built* from *The Chosen: Season 1, Episode 4*.

Join us for this casual and fun event! Bring your favorite entrée, side, or sweet to share. Water and soft drinks will be available.

This special night is in lieu of the Monday Night Women's Bible Study (Meant for Good) and the Men's Weekly Study and Fellowship.

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

SUNDAY

The Herod Family

Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am

Fellowship Hall
February 16-March 23
Paul Brandt

MONDAY

No Monday Night Women's Bible Study

(Join us for the Combined Potluck on February 24!)

***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

***Upcoming* Men's Weekly Study and Fellowship**

Bible On Trial: Beyond A Reasonable Doubt

Mondays, 7:00-8:15 pm

Room 240, Family Life Center

March 3-24

Tom Gebbia

(Join us for the Combined Potluck on February 24!)

Biblical criticism, ancient historical voices, the illumination of archaeology, the testimony of first-century followers of Jesus Christ -- all these come to bear on the examination of the reliability of the Scriptures in *The Bible On Trial: Beyond A Reasonable Doubt*.

The case is made that the Scriptures are authentic, dependable, God-inspired and worthy -- not only of our full attention but of our complete faith. In this Men's NetWork Bible study, attorney Craig Parton leads the viewer through relevant points that comprise this important discussion. He asks, "Is this book, the Bible, and its contents-reliable?"

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-April 30

Pastor Zach Sarrault, Erika Hulse

New Men with Kids - Facing Disaster Like A Man

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm

Room 247, Family Life Center

February 26-March 19

Group Led, Tom Gebbia

Disasters! Life's catastrophes come in many shapes and sizes, and their unwelcome intrusion leaves us reeling. Grief, profound uncertainty and -- not infrequently -- more questions than can reasonably be answered, rise from its wake. In this devastation, the heart is drawn to look for answers human reason cannot provide. This three-lesson Bible study stresses the importance of relying on God in an age when the specter of disaster is an all-too-familiar occurrence.

This Is the Church

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm

Room 140, Family Life Center

February 12-March 19

Pastor Jonathan Blanke

Look for detailed class offerings [on our website](#).

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

Prayer Cards

Visual Faith® Ministry has provided prayer cards by the prayer sheets in the Narthex and the Family Life Center.

We invite you to take a few cards home and add prayer notes for your family and friends for whom you are praying.

As you pray for those concerns, color the card, and then send it to the person with a note that says, "You've been in my prayers this week."

If you have questions, please contact Jamee Thieme through RCB.

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 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).

RLS Student Eyeglass Drive

Helping Others See Clearly

Resurrection Lutheran School students, Charlie (6th grade) and Stella (5th grade) Altenbach, are making a difference by collecting eyeglasses for the visually impaired. Their efforts will help provide those in need with the gift of clearer vision, improving daily life and learning opportunities.

If you have any eyeglasses to donate, consider contributing to their collection. Every pair makes a meaningful impact, bringing hope and clarity to someone in need.

Eyeglass Donation!

An estimated 120 million people are visually impaired because they do not have the resources for corrective eyeglasses. A lack of corrective eyeglasses denies children and adults opportunities for education, employment and better quality of life.

- **Please donate eyeglasses in one of the donation boxes located at the school's front office, next to the gym doors or the Chapel vestibule.**
- **Broken, old, sun and prescription/nonprescription eyeglasses accepted!**
- **100% of your donations will be used for a charitable cause!**



Thank you, Charlie and Stella, for your kindness and leadership in serving others!

Food & Fellowship for the Blind



Resurrection's Ministry
for the Visually Impaired meets

Friday, February 28

5:30-7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Contact Annette Langefeld-Kennedy to learn more and for volunteer needs,
or the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).



Mothers and daughters of all ages (multiple generations welcome) are invited to an Interactive Tea on **Saturday, March 1** at 11:30 am.

The event will have interactive stations set up that are Biblically based for moms and daughters to explore together. Mini sandwiches, fruit, veggies, sweet treats, and tea will be served.

Cost is \$5 per person. Sign Up: bit.ly/3PIEYoL

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

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Join us for the Best All You Can Eat Pancake Supper, Pancake Races, and Fellowship on **Tuesday, March 4** from 5:30-7:00 pm in the Family Life Center Gym!

Free Will Offering with proceeds to the youth attending the Youth Gathering this summer.

We need many hands to make this a success! [Please sign up to help.](#)

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

ASH WEDNESDAY

March 5



8:45 am in the Sanctuary

Imposition of Ashes with Resurrection Lutheran School

7:00 pm in the Sanctuary*

Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion

All other Wednesday night activities are cancelled, except for rehearsals for Heavenly Handbells at 6:00 pm and Sanctuary Choir at 8:00 pm.

*Live Stream

Men's Retreat and Service Weekend

March 7-9, 2025

Our 2025 Men's Retreat and Service Weekend is **March 7-9** at beautiful Camp Agapé. Pastor Zach is leading us this year.

Our theme is Equipped to Be Men of God. We will have separate sessions on Equipped for Study, Equipped for Service, Equipped for the Word, and Equipped for Witness.

We kick-off Friday evening, March 7 around 6:00 pm with a Cookout/Potluck Gathering at the Retreat House at Camp Agape.

Weather permitting, we will spend most of Saturday morning and afternoon in Service tackling projects throughout the camp utilizing multiple skillsets and capabilities.

Our Study is woven throughout the impactful weekend with sessions Friday night, Saturday morning, Saturday evening, and Sunday morning. Weather permitting, our study venues will be a combination of inside and out.

Weather permitting, we will have an outdoor Worship Service Sunday morning.



Participants have the option to stay overnight at the Retreat House or commute. Our overnight accommodations are optimal at 16 with a max of 24.

As in past years, we provide flexibility to support your schedule and commitments. You can join us for the entire event (preferred), or join us for the Saturday service day, or just the Friday night cookout!

Reach out to Tom Gebbia through RCB or mens-ministry@rlcary.org to express interest, ask questions, provide input, or volunteer to help.

***Please note, there will be no Men's Breakfast on Saturday, March 8. Join us at the retreat!**

The Next Coffeehouse for Special Needs Adults

Friday, March 14

We thank all our volunteers who help us to have wonderful Coffeehouses! We couldn't do it without you. Please come be a volunteer! 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/3VAtWWO

The next Coffeehouse is **Friday, March 14** from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Family Life Center gym. *Bona Fide Brass* will play for us - thank you, Jim Linn!

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



Save the Date!



RLC Spring 2025 Workday

Saturday, March 15 from 8:00 am-Noon



All are invited; many hands make light work.

Tasks: exterior landscaping spruce-up, others

Please bring:

- electric or gas hedge trimmers; string trimmers
- loppers, limb saws, pole saws
- rakes, tarps, wheelbarrows, step ladder
- debris trailers

Contact Randy Bowling through RCB, or the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).

Easter Flowers

Due March 16

Time to order Easter flowers to be used in the Easter services!

Choose from 6" Lily (\$15), 6" Hydrangea (\$20), and 8" Azalea (\$25). Orders are due by Sunday, March 16.

Forms available in the Narthex and Family Life Center. You may also email office@rlcary.org or call 919-851-7248 with your order. Payment can follow.

Make checks payable to RLC and place in Linda Merrill/Office mailbox. Plants are from Williams Plant Farm. You may pick up your plants to take home after the last Easter service on Sunday, April 20.

Men's Softball

Attention Men: Spring is just around the corner. Time to grab your glove and cleats and join your fellow church members in representing RLC in the Town of Cary's Men's Open League.

Games will be played Tuesday and Thursday nights late March through June. Practices will start the second or third weekend of March. All sign-ups must be made by March 23.

If you are interested in joining us for some exercise, fun, and fellowship, please see Adam Brake or send an email to mens-softball@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 at 919-851-7248 or office@rlcary.org for assistance.

Children's Ministry News February

Nursery:

The Nursery is staffed by screened volunteers Sunday mornings during 9:30 Worship for your Birth - 3 year old child(ren). It is available for family use whenever needed.

Sunday School:

Pre-K to 5th graders are welcome Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30 for Bible, games, crafts and fun!

Kidz Live:

Wednesday Nights from 6:00-7:00 in the Family Life Center (Room 151 and the gym) for Pre-K to 5th graders.

Important Dates:

Mother Daughter Interactive Tea - March 1 at 11:30 am

Easter Eggstravaganza - April 13 at 3 pm

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

Coming Up:**Sunday, February 23:**

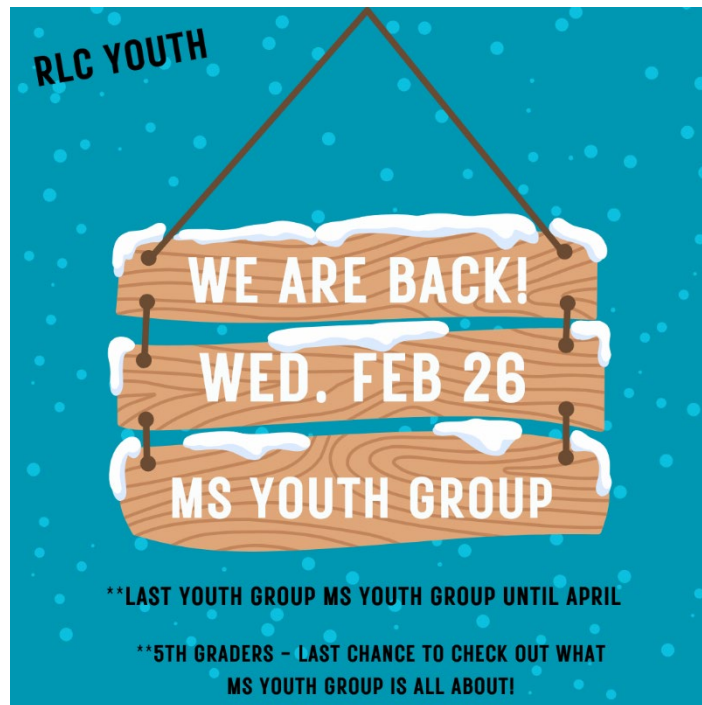
Sunday School, 9:30-10:30 am

High School Youth Group, 5:00-6:30 pm

Wednesday, February 26:

Middle School Youth Group, 6:00-7:00 pm

5th graders invited! This will be last youth group until after Easter.



We meet in The Warehouse (Room 253), Family Life Center.


Service Event:

Tuesday, March 4 from 5:00-7:30 pm

Serving at the **Shrove Pancake Supper** - join us for this super fun servant event!

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

Resurrection Lutheran Preschool




SHAKE  SHACK®

DONATION DAY

Tuesday, March 4th
11AM-10PM

Mention Donation Day at the register
or use promo code **DONATE**
on the Shack App, web, or kiosk at checkout and
we'll donate **25%** of your total meal purchase to



WAVELY PLACE
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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, February 15
6:00 pm - 63

Sunday, February 16
8:00 am - 86

9:30 am - 85
11:00 am - 82

Total In-Person Worship: 316

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, February 16
8:00 am - 131
11:00 am - 51

Total Online Views: 182

Financial Update - Fiscal 2024/25

January 2025

Budgeted Giving to Date: \$888,125.00
Actual Giving to Date: \$834,081.00
Current Over/(Under) Giving: \$(54,044.00)

Budgeted Expenses to Date: \$845,833.33
Actual Expenses to Date: \$818,783.00
Current Under/(Over) Spend: \$27,050.33

Questions? Contact finance@rlcary.org.

Church Calendar



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Prayers of the Church – February 23, 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, *Kelsey Sarrault, *Lauren Unger, *Erika Lonseth

Those Prayed for on February 16, 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
- Installation of *Christopher Anderson as SMP Vicar
- Our Youth and Adult Leaders Going to the National Youth Gathering in July
- Birth of Clara Yllanes
- Cassidy's Birthday
- Brendan's Birthday

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, Judy Dean, Ruby Franklin, Miriam Delgado, Betty Oglesby, Helen Rice-Lyles, Nancy Waggoner
- *Greta Nelson

- Pastor William Otto, Cancer Treatment and Surgery
- *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
- Steve Cottle, Healing
- Bryon, Recovery
- Marion Cecconi, Mother of *Lecia Roberts
- *Thelma Rhodes, Recovery
- Ingrid, Recovery
- Martha, Sister of *Charlotte Raines
- Carrie Heilman, Cancer Treatment, Daughter-In-Law of *John and *Virginia Heilman
- Chris, Cancer Treatment, Sister of *Susan Brandt
- *Paul Brandt's Father in Rehab with Multiple Issues
- Clare Roberts, Cancer Treatment, Mother of *Michelle Wood
- Roger Loosen, Cancer Treatment
- John and Judy Haraminac
- Ally, Marie, James, Gene, Lois, Fran, Jackie, Roz, Karl, Linda, Ricky, Jean, Dana, Sam, Justin, Red, Brian, Kevin, Keith, Tim, Mark, Timmy, Carlton, Carol, Anna, Anne, Paty, Skylar, Debbie, Joe, Dave, Nicole, Grandma, James, Paul, Micah, Richard, Rosemary, Doug, Thelma, Sandy, Alan, Pam, Bryon, Tony, Marvin, Chris, Roger, Thelma, Jim, Rose, Caroline

For Comfort

- Family and Friends of Lynn Smith Helms, Sister of *Paul Smith
- Family and Friends of Kitty Jamison
- Family and Friends of Robbie Hockaday, In-Law to *Lynelle Omwake

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
- *Ron and *Carol Mitchell
- 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
- *Jim and *Thelma Rhodes

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
- Chris Reed, SMP Training and Vicarage
- 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
- *Moya Shaw, Dominican Republic Mission Trip
- *Ilea Kuo, Southeast Asia Mission Trip

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.*

***RLC Members**

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