

Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2025



Pastor's Corner for March 16-22, 2025

Stand Firm

(Philippians 3:17-4:1)

Who is your faith for? First, we often look inwardly, my faith is for me. Faith is what brings me into the eternal relationship with my Savior. Faith is what God gives me in baptism, assuring me that “our citizenship is in heaven.” We are not meant to live in this sinful world forever, we know that the One who died, rose, and ascended will come back for us because of the faith that He has given us. Because of this faith we live with joy, knowing that God has glorious things

planned for us!

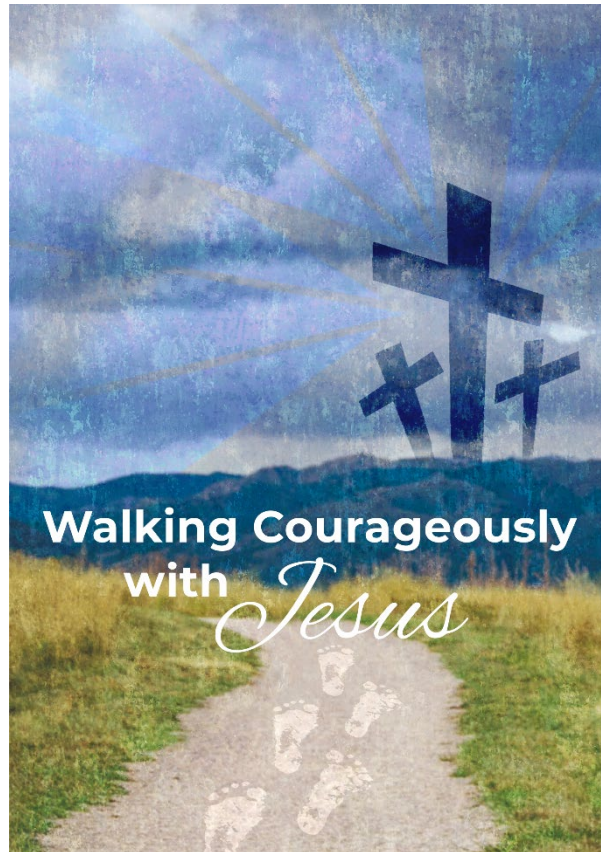
Because of the beautiful gift of faith, Paul says that Christ “will transform our lowly bodies to be like His glorious body.” I can’t even grasp the fullness of this, but I know it will be an awesome day when I get to experience this with all of you! All the pain and hurt that we experience in this world will only be for a fleeting moment compared with the eternity we will spend in the transformed bodies of our Lord. Stand firm in this faith-filled promise!

We need this encouragement to stand firm because we can feel out of place at times. Because “our citizenship is in heaven” we are not citizens of earth. Everything else falls after that Citizenship. Because of that Citizenship, we can feel out of place in this world at times. Do you ever find yourself hurting or mourning over the sin in this world. It may be a personal sin. It may be the sin of bloodshed, poverty, homelessness, famine, drought, natural disasters, the things that plague our newsfeeds every day. It may be the sin of those that have turned their back on Christ or don’t know who He is for them. We long for what is to come, so we mourn over sin and its effects in this world. Paul even says that he sheds tears over this sort of hurt. At times, that’s a natural place for us to be as Christians.

So, who is your faith for? Yes, it is for us, but it is also for so much more. Paul encourages us by saying, “join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us.” Do you have someone in your life whose faith is lived for you? Follow after them in the faith! Do you have someone in your life that you live your faith for? Whether you realize it or not, you certainly do! We stand firm in the faith God gives because it’s not just a personal faith, it is a faith that is lived in a hurting world, for those we hurt for. The goal of the faith we stand firm in is the security of the Citizenship God blesses us with, and the witness God provides through this faith for our hurting world.

Your firm brother in Christ,
Pastor Zach Sarrault

Prayers of the Church



*It takes courage to fully approach Lent.
Jesus, help me walk in your steps.*

Join us
in the Family Life Center for
Interactive Lenten Worship Services!

**Wednesdays, 6:00 pm
March 12-April 9**

This Wednesday, March 19, the

**Lake Country Lutheran High School Band
(Hartland WI) will be playing for us!**

[View Worship Bulletin](#)

Families are encouraged to attend.
Dinner is available starting at 5:00 pm. [Sign up online.](#)
Note, adjusted schedule during Wednesdays in Lent.

Lenten Offerings

Offerings received during the Lenten Midweek Worship Services this year will go to support two entities: Manna Food Bank and Inter-faith Food Shuttle.

Please place your offerings in the specially marked offering envelopes or denote "Lenten Offerings" on your check. Thank you for your generosity in supporting these important charities and ministries.

Manna Food Bank

Manna Foodbank is located in Asheville, NC. Founded in 1982, Manna Foodbank is a private, not-for-profit service organization working to end food insecurity in the 16 counties of Western NC, including the Qualla Boundary. This group was hit hard by Hurricane Helene losing their warehouse and all the food stored there. Our donation will go a long way to help them rebuild and feed our friends impacted by the storm.

mannafoodbank.org

Inter-Faith Food Shuttle

Inter-Faith Food Shuttle states their mission is "To feed our neighbors, teach self-sufficiency, and grow healthy foods by cultivating innovative approaches to end hunger." They provide shelf stable food through their pantry, have onsite gardens and administer the Back Pack Buddies program which sends food home

with food insecure school children on the weekends.

foodshuttle.org/feed

• **YOUNG FAMILIES** •
gathering



Join us for fun outside and in the woods!
Bring your hiking boots.

Saturday, March 15 at 4:00 pm

at Home of Doug and Tara Tommas
(8801 Mandale Road, Graham NC 27253)

Please bring a dish to pass. Burgers and hot dogs will be provided.

RSVP to Doug and Tara Tommas, or Pastor Zach Sarrault.

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.

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

SUNDAY

The Herod Family

Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am

Fellowship Hall

February 16-March 23

Paul Brandt

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

Bible On Trial: Beyond A Reasonable Doubt

Mondays, 7:00-8:15 pm

Room 240, Family Life Center

March 3-24

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

No Intentional Parenting

Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm

Room 240, Family Life Center

January 8-April 30 (**Not Meeting During Lent**)

Pastor Zach Sarrault, Erika Hulse

This Is the Church

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm

Room 151, Family Life Center

February 12-**March 26**

Pastor Jonathan Blanke

Men with Kids

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm

Room 247, Family Life Center

Group Led, Tom Gebbia

Last Facing Disaster Like A Man

February 26-March 19

Upcoming Jesus's Farewell Message

March 26-April 30

Assertiveness with Pastor Alan Shaw and Sue Campau

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm

Room 251, Family Life Center
March 26-April 30

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.

Supper & Scripture

Wednesday Evening Activities *Lent* Schedule

5:00-5:20 pm Jubilee Bells, Sanctuary	7:00-8:00 pm Adult Christian Ed <i>Men with Kids</i> , RM 247 <i>This Is the Church</i> , RM 251
5:00-5:45 pm Dinner, Gym	7:00-8:00 pm Heavenly Handbells, Sanctuary
5:20-5:40 pm Rainbow Choir, Sanctuary Sunshine Singers, Choir Room	7:00-8:00 pm Confirmation, RM 240
6:00-6:45 pm Lenten Midweek Worship, Gym	8:00-9:15 pm Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary

Wednesday Evening Dinner

Join us for Wednesday evening dinners during Lent on **Wednesdays, 5:00-5:45 pm** in the Family Life Center Gym. All are welcome!

March Menus:

March 19 - TBD

March 26 - Quiche, Salad, Fruit, and Cinnamon Rolls

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).

Handel's *Messiah*

On Good Friday, April 18, at the 7:00 pm Tenebrae Worship Service, the Sanctuary Choir, accompanied by a chamber orchestra, will present the Passion portion of Handel's *Messiah*.

Five choruses, "*Behold the Lamb of God*", "*Surely He Hath Borne Our Grievs*", "*And with His Stripes We Are Healed*", "*All We Like Sheep Have Gone Astray*", and "*He Trusted in God that He Would Deliver Him*"; one aria, "*He Was Despised*"; and three recitatives will interpret the events surrounding the Passion of our Lord.

Plan on attending this special Worship opportunity and bring a friend with you!



Rehearsals for *The Messiah, Part II*, are held Wednesdays in Lent from 8:00-8:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

If you would like to participate in this special Worship Service presentation, please contact Bob Unger at the church office, or attend the rehearsals.

Would you prefer a magnetic nametag?



We are looking at making a group order, as the more we order the lower the cost. The cost would be between \$12 and \$15 each depending on how much interest there is.

If you are interested, please email margaret.hyatt@rlcary.org. Once we see how many respond, we'll get back to you with the final cost and confirm you want us to order your nametag(s). Thanks!



Let's get moving together while building our faith!

This Lent, join the Stewardship of Life & Health for our "Moving In Faith" fitness challenge. **Every Friday during Lent**, we will meet up in the RLC parking lot and depart promptly at 7:00 am for a journey through nature and scripture.

Weekly faith-based discussion topics will be provided. Walk, ruck, and jog options are available. Expect the journey to last about an hour with option for coffee afterwards. Open to all adults at all fitness levels.

[Click here to sign up](#) (not required, but recommended). We hope to see you there!

Contact Art Berger or Anthony Johnson through RCB, or the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).



Discover Resurrection

**Saturday, March 22
from 10:00 am-12:00 pm
in the Fellowship Hall**

For new members, to help you learn about our church life and how you can serve alongside us as a member of the RLC family!

Childcare Provided

Questions or to RSVP, contact Pastor Zach Sarrault at zach.sarrault@rlcary.org or 919-851-7248.



Saturday, March 22

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.

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.

New Adult Christian Education Class

Assertiveness with Pastor Alan Shaw and Sue Campau

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm

Room 251, Family Life Center

March 26-April 30

Do you struggle to communicate your needs, set boundaries, or speak up with confidence? Join Pastor Alan and Sue Campau for a 5-week Assertiveness class designed to help you develop the skills to communicate more effectively, stand firm in your beliefs, and approach challenging situations with grace and strength.

This class will provide practical tools and Biblical principles to guide you in becoming more assertive in your life. Through interactive teaching and group discussion, you'll learn how to build confidence, speak with clarity, and honor both yourself and others in your interactions.

Materials: Book will be provided for each participant (registration required) for a nominal fee.

Don't miss this opportunity to grow in your ability to communicate with assertiveness and confidence! Register today!

For more information or to register, contact the church office (office@rlcary.org, 919-851-7248).

Blind Ministry

A big thank you to **Enrigo's**, Italian restaurant in Waverly Place! They provided a delicious dinner for our guests and volunteers at our last meal on February 28.

If any of you are looking for good Italian food, please remember this restaurant. And if you go, please tell them that you are from our church.

The next Food & Fellowship for the Blind will be held on **Friday, March 28** from 5:30-7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

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

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.

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.





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

Calendar

Sunday, March 16

Sunday School, 9:30-10:30 am

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

Wednesday, March 19

No Middle School Youth Group during Lent.

Join us for Lenten Midweek Worship at 6:00 pm in the Family Life Center!

Friday, March 21

All Youth Late Night, 6:00-10:00 pm

Laser Tag and Games

Waivers Needed: [Laser Tag Waiver](#), [Youth Ministry Participation Forms](#)

Need a couple of adult helpers for the Late Night: 1 adult for Check In (5:45-6:15 pm), 1 adult for Middle School, 1 adult for High School. The best part is we can play Laser Tag, too! Woohoo!

Laser Tag Waiver
(EVERYONE has to fill this out)

Available to all Middle School and High School Youth.
Waivers must be signed prior to event.
Cash or Check only at the door.
Come prepared.

RLC
MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL
LATE NIGHT

Friday, March 21
6:00-10:00pm
\$5/youth

*Waivers needed
for all participants!*

LASER TAG!
BY MISSION GAMES
**FOOD, GAMES IN THE
DARK, DEVOTIONS, FUN**

RLC Participation Forms
(only if you don't have one on file)

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 +



**Resurrection Lutheran
Preschool**

**3-year-olds
to Rising kindergarteners**
(children currently in our 2's 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)

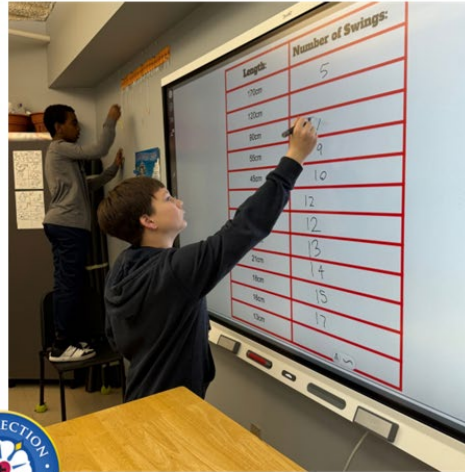
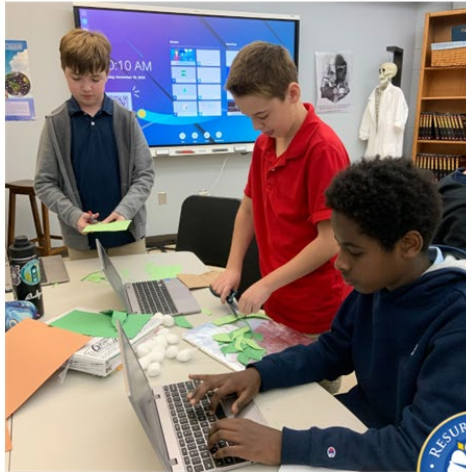
RLChurch VBS June 23-27

Neighbors, friends, & family welcome!
Email for brochure & Registration forms

REGISTER NOW!

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, March 8
6:00 pm - 51

Sunday, March 9

8:00 am - 57

9:30 am - 111

11:00 am - 101

Lenten Midweek, March 12

6:00 pm - 90

Total In-Person Worship: 410

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, March 9

8:00 am - 109

11:00 am - 57

Lenten Midweek, March 12

6:00 pm - 38

Total Online Views: 204

Financial Update - Fiscal 2024/25

February 2025

Budgeted Giving to Date: \$1,000,500.00

Actual Giving to Date: \$944,319.00

Current Over/(Under) Giving: \$(56,181.00)

Budgeted Expenses to Date: \$966,667.00

Actual Expenses to Date: \$948,755.00

Current Under/(Over) Spend: \$17,912.00

Questions? Contact finance@rlcary.org.

Church Calendar



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Prayers of the Church – March 16, 2023

*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 March 9, 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
- Mother Daughter Tea on March 1, Guests and All Who Served as Helpers

For Healing

- *Kim Goss
- All Those Exposed to COVID, with COVID, and Recovering from COVID
- Blind Ministry Guests - Maria and Jeff Barker, Linda Jones, Judy Dean, Ruby Franklin, Miriam Delgado, Betty Oglesby, Helen Rice-Lyles, Nancy Waggoner, Debbie Guice
- *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
- Bryon, Recovery
- Marion Cecconi, Mother of *Lecia Roberts
- Ingrid, Rehab
- Martha, Sister of *Charlotte Raines
- Carrie Heilman, Cancer Treatment, Daughter-In-Law of *John and *Virginia Heilman
- Chris, Hospice Care, Sister of *Susan Brandt
- Dave, Hospitalized, Brother-In-Law of *Susan Brandt
- *Paul Brandt's Father in Rehab with Multiple Issues
- Clare Roberts, Cancer Treatment, Mother of *Michelle Wood
- Roger Loosen, Cancer Treatment
- *Alan Sullivan
- Richard Staley, Rehab and Recovery
- *Charlie Shiel
- Nicholas Franklin
- *Sue Sanders
- Gene, Lois, James, Carol, Roz, Jackie, Fran, Jesica, Cathy, Joan, Bill, Kevin, Bob, Jeff, Joe, Debbie, Sue, Paul, Ruby, Jon, Michelle, Laurie, Noreen, Sylvia, Irene, Shelby, Joann, Kelly, Mark, Connie, Mara, Alvin, Clay, Eric, Doug, Rose, Shim, Carrie, Virginia, Darlene, Celeste, Jireh

For Comfort

- Family and Friends of Kathleen Hyatt, Sister of *Patricia Peterson
- Family and Friends of Janet Piontek, Mother of *Jason Piontek, Grandmother of *Emily, *Ben, and *Josh Piontek
- Family and Friends of Asiel Stallworth (5 yr. old), Student of *Sandy Douglas

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 and Businesses Recovering 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
- 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

- *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, and Federal Workers
- Victims, Families, and Communities Suffering with Gun Violence
- Wayne and Dorothy Conners, and Their Family
- *Jim and *Thelma Rhodes
- *Anita Moore and Family
- Our Government and Leaders
- Liz, Recovering Surgery

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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