

The Resurrection of Our Lord

April 20, 2025



Pastor's Corner for April 20-26, 2025

Whom Are You Looking For? (John 20:1-18)

Last Sunday we stood alongside people who came to Jesus' disciples with the words, "We want to see Jesus" (John 12:21). This weekend we stand near one of Jesus' dearest friends and followers, Mary Magdalene, as the surprise of His resurrection has still not sunk in. We hear Jesus' words to her: "Woman... whom are you looking for?"

The story is familiar.... so familiar we hardly hear it. But sandwiched in-between the family reunions, the Easter baskets, the egg hunts, and the Sunday morning brunches is a story of a confused woman looking for a dead body. That's where we find the true meaning of Easter Sunday. Mary seems almost as grieved and distracted from the unexpected disappearance of Jesus' earthly remains as she

is by the loss of her beloved Teacher. It isn't until the crucified yet risen Jesus asks the question, "Whom are you looking for?" that Mary comes to Life. It isn't until the living Jesus who has died calls Mary by name (remember the promise? "The sheep hear [the voice of the Gatekeeper] and He calls them by name..." John 10:3) that she finds herself not at a reburial but a glorious encounter with the King! And there is hardly time for her to regain composure. Scarcely a moment after her tears have dried Jesus sends her on a mission of peace to those He now calls His own brothers and sisters (10:17). Easter may be a familiar tale, but it is all about an event that changes everything. Easter changes "the rules" regarding life and death. Nothing will ever be the same again.

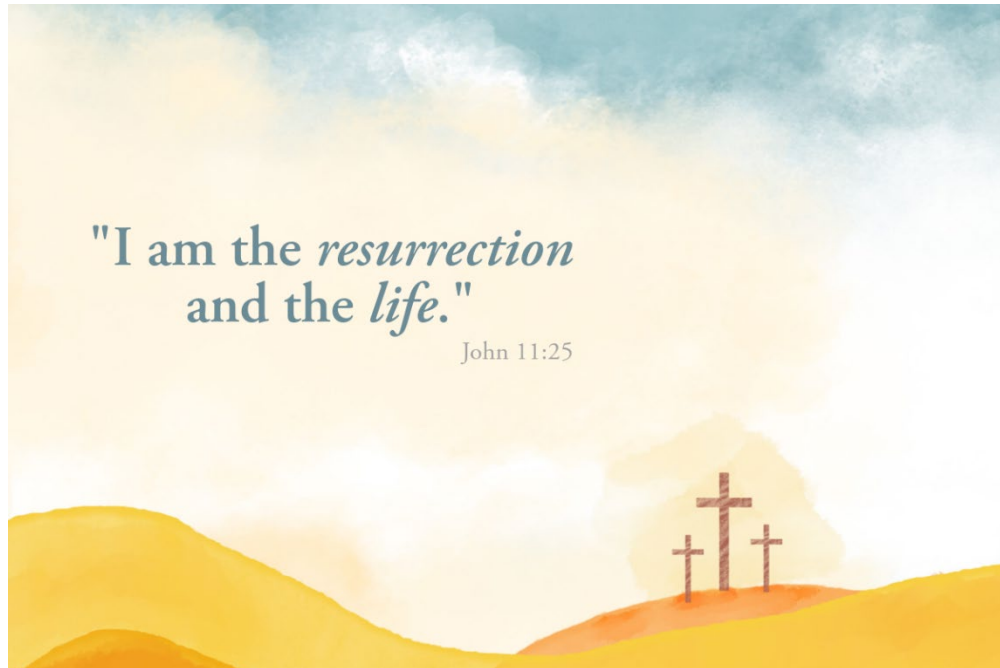
Whom are you looking for? It might seem that the answer is obvious. It might seem at times that the point of life is to keep death at bay. To outsmart the stock market. To get the best job or the perfect marriage. To hold your loved ones as tight as possible before you must give them up. It might even seem, at times, that it's God's job to help you accomplish some of that. But could it be that the Jesus God has in store for you is bigger than your imagination dares even expect? Could it be that the Jesus God has in store for you has a new game plan for Life?

Watch out. The living Lord Jesus is no longer in the tomb. He's out. He's free. He's on the loose. The One you might not be looking for is calling you by your name. The One you're not expecting is leading you, once again, to Life.

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Pastor Jonathan

Prayers of the Church



Easter Sunday | April 20

6:30 am ~ Sunrise Service Begins in Prayer Garden, Processes to Sanctuary
Led by Celebration Singers

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am ~

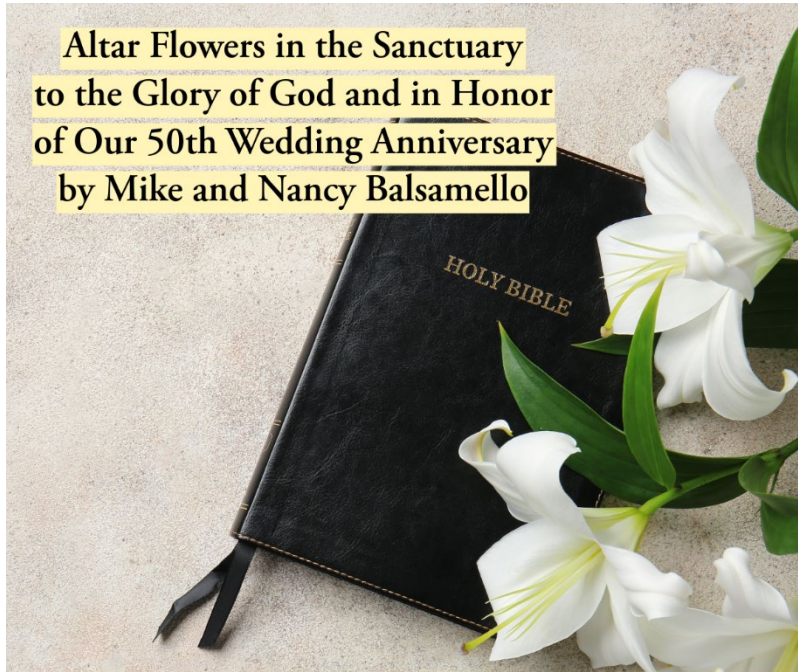
Sanctuary Easter Festival Worship with Holy Communion

Music Led by Sanctuary Choir, Heavenly Handbells, and Resurrection Brass Ensemble

11:00 am ~ Praise & Worship with Holy Communion

Led by Reign! in the Family Life Center

**Altar Flowers in the Sanctuary
to the Glory of God and in Honor
of Our 50th Wedding Anniversary
by Mike and Nancy Balsamello**



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!*](#)



Congratulations to Pastor Zach and Kelsey Sarrault
upon the birth of their daughter!

Amelia Willow Sarrault
was born on April 14, 2025,
7 lbs. 5 oz. and 21 ¼ in.

Our prayers of joy and gratitude are with them
as they celebrate this blessing!

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

SUNDAY

No The Pastoral Epistles: Paul's Last Letters

Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am

Fellowship Hall

March 30-May 18

Larry Cameron

MONDAY

No Monday Night Women's Bible Study

(We will not meet for 2 weeks, April 14 and 21.)

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

The Intersection of Church & State

Mondays, 7:00-8:15 pm

Room 240, Family Life Center

March 31-April 28

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

January 8-April 30

Pastor Zach Sarrault, Erika Hulse

Parents, please join the kids in the Gym for Kidz Live for the last two weeks.

Men with Kids

Jesus's Farewell Message by Francis Chan

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm

Room 247, Family Life Center

March 26-April 30

Group Led, Tom Gebbia

Assertiveness with Pastor Alan Shaw and Sue Campau

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm

Room 151, 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 Schedule

5:00-5:30 pm Jubilee Bells, Sanctuary	6:30-7:30 pm Adult Christian Ed <i>Assertiveness</i> , RM 151 <i>Men with Kids</i> , RM 247
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 Confirmation, RM 240
6:00-7:00 pm Kidz Live, Gym Middle School Youth, Warehouse Intentional Parenting, Gym	7:30-8:45 pm Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary

Wednesday Evening Dinner

Join us for dinner on **Wednesdays, 5:15-6:00 pm**, in the Family Life Center Gym! All are welcome.

April Menus:

April 23 - General Tso, Chicken Lo Mein, Salad, Fruit, and Ice Cream with Fortune Cookies

April 30 - Burgers and Dogs, Mac 'n Cheese, Salad, Fruit, and Brownies

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).

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.

Food & Fellowship for the Blind



Resurrection's Ministry
for the Visually Impaired meets

Friday, April 25

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

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

RLC Day of Service

(Operation Inasmuch)

Saturday, April 26 from 8:00 am-12:00 pm

Resurrection has participated for years in dedicated local service projects under the auspices of Operation Inasmuch. We will continue the tradition this year on **April 26, 2025**.

The RLC Day of Service is a way for us to put our faith into action and make a difference in the life of others. The event starts with breakfast prepared by the Men's Ministry and fellowship in the Family Life Center at 8:00 am. After breakfast, we will divide into our groups to complete our service projects. There will be activities for all age groups.

The following are organizations that benefit from our help. Most groups stay at RLC to complete their project. A few groups will leave after breakfast to travel to another location to serve.

- Habitat for Humanity of Wake County
- Quilters and Sewers

- Knitters
- Camp Agape
- Prison Alliance
- Western Wake Crisis Ministry
- Families Together
- Cards for Missionaries, Church Members, and Friends
- Project Linus
- The Miracle League of the Triangle
- Landscaping on Church Grounds
- Designed for Joy

[Click Here for Description of Projects and to Sign Up!](#)



RLC Day of Service

*"...Truly I say to you, Inasmuch as you did to one
of the least of these brethren you did it to me."*

~ Matthew 25:40



Saturday, April 26

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.

The Next Coffeehouse for Special Needs Adults

Friday, May 9

We thank all our volunteers who help us to have wonderful Coffeehouses! We couldn't do it without our faithful volunteers. 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/3VAtWW0

The next Coffeehouse is **Friday, May 9** from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Family Life Center Gym. Stephen W. Prins and Olliver Harper Fultz will be singing and playing for us.

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



AGAPÉ + KURE BEACH MINISTRIES

GOLF

Outing

JOIN US MAY 19TH

AT LOCHMERE GOLF CLUB

HELP SEND KIDS TO CAMP!

SUPPORT CAMPERSHIP FUNDS & PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT!

REGISTER TODAY!
bit.ly/3SQwLS5

The poster features a green and white background with the text 'AGAPÉ + KURE BEACH MINISTRIES' at the top. Below this is the word 'GOLF' in large green letters, followed by 'Outing' in red. The date 'JOIN US MAY 19TH' and location 'AT LOCHMERE GOLF CLUB' are listed. On the right, there is a photo of four smiling children. At the bottom left, a photo shows three people (two men and one woman) on a golf course. A circular logo for 'AGAPÉ KURE BEACH MINISTRIES' is also present. To the right of the photos, the text 'HELP SEND KIDS TO CAMP!' and 'SUPPORT CAMPERSHIP FUNDS & PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT!' is displayed. At the bottom right, there is a QR code and the text 'REGISTER TODAY!' with the link 'bit.ly/3SQwLS5'.

Support a great cause while enjoying the fun and fellowship of a day on the Lochmere Golf Club course on **May 19**! Why? Help us bring kids to camp this summer. Funds raised in this Golf Event will be used to provide camperships to attend camp and for program development. It is our policy that no one be turned away from camp programs due to lack of funds.

Our goal is to have 80 golfers. Please help us to reach our goal. Bring some friends for a great day of fun, fellowship and raising funds to make a difference in a camper's life. Please share this information with others and gather a foursome to join us.

Format: 4 Person Scramble

Registration Fee:

Individual: \$100.00

Foursome: \$380.00

12 Team Mulligans: \$400.00

We request that all golfers pay in advance.

Outing Schedule:

8:00 AM Check-in opens

8:00 AM Coffee, Donuts & Biscuits

8:45 AM "Putt for All" Event

9:10 AM Tee Off (Shot gun)

(Boxed lunch served on the course)

When your round is done, head home!

For additional details, please visit agapekurebeach.org or bit.ly/3SQwLS5.

Service Opportunity

Are you interested in serving recent immigrants to our community as a volunteer ESL teacher?

Please reach out to the Cross Cultural Mission Engagement Team (CCMET) at ccmet@rlcary.org to let us know.

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.

April Children and Family Ministry News

VBS Volunteers
There will be 2 identical volunteer meetings! You pick one!

registration for
participants &
volunteers!



Thursday, June 5 at 7 pm in the FLC room 151

-OR-

Sunday, June 8 at noon in the FLC room 151

We are in need of volunteers & would love to have
you join the True North VBS team!!

Children's Sunday School
Sundays 9:30-10:30
in Family Life Center

No Sunday School April 20
Happy Easter Sunday!



TRUE NORTH
Trusting Jesus in a Wild World

**Vacation Bible School at
Resurrection Lutheran Church
June 23-27, 2025 from 9 am - 12 pm
4 year olds to 5th Graders**

Register to attend
or volunteer:



vbspro.events/p/6557e9



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, April 20 - Happy Easter!

No Sunday School, 9:30-10:30 am

No High School Youth Group

Wednesday, April 23

Middle School Youth Group Returns!

6:00-7:00 pm in The Warehouse (Room 253)

Service Projects for All Youth:

Saturday, April 26 - RLC Day of Service (Operation Inasmuch)



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

Latest Lion's Tale

WORSHIP SERVICES

Traditional Worship in Sanctuary	Praise Worship in Family Life Center
Saturday, 6:00 pm	Sunday, *11:00 am
Sunday, *8:00 & 9:30 am	

**Services Live Streamed to YouTube*

For online services, connect through our YouTube channel at
youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC

or through our website at
rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship.

Maundy Thursday Visual Faith Sheet

Good Friday Visual Faith Sheet

Easter Visual Faith Sheet

Weekly Attendance

In-Person Worship Attendance

Saturday, April 12

6:00 pm - n/a

Sunday, April 13

8:00 am - n/a

9:30 am - n/a

11:00 am - 114

Total In-Person Worship: 114

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, April 13

8:00 am - 136

11:00 am - 60

Total Online Views: 196

Financial Update - Fiscal 2024/25

March 2025

Budgeted Giving to Date: \$1,112,875.00

Actual Giving to Date: \$1,059,123.00

Current Over/(Under) Giving: \$(53,752.00)

Budgeted Expenses to Date: \$1,087,500.00

Actual Expenses to Date: \$1,055,868.00

Current Under/(Over) Spend: \$31,632.00

Questions? Contact finance@rlcary.org.

Church Calendar



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Prayers of the Church – April 20, 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 Douglas, 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, Ames, Doug Gill, Emily, *Alison Whatley,
Joe Huley

For Expectant Moms

*Janet Lucien, *Lauren Unger, *Erika Lonseth, *Melody Gerdes, *Christina Benson

Those Prayed for on April 13, 2025

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
- Lenten Services
- Home Sales and Closings
- New Members Joining Our RLC Family, April 6
- Family Member Receiving Kidney Transplant
- RLC's Musical Groups
- Amelia Peterson Birth
- Expectant Moms
- Birth of Sloane Ryan (Mother Delancy Still in Hospital)

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
- 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
- Dave, Brother-In-Law of *Susan Brandt
- *Paul Brandt's Father
- Clare Roberts, Cancer Treatment, Mother of *Michelle Wood
- *Alan Sullivan
- *Charlie Shiel
- Rhianna, Healthy Pregnancy
- Kathy Siemon
- *Kathy Rihani
- Debbie, Sister of *Lynne Hoffman
- Sarah, Lois, Fran, Knox, Kathy, Jackie, Carol, Alicia, Darice, Jessica, Cathy, Trina, Doug, Pam, Bryon, Jan, Rosie, Gene, Lois, James, Richard, Rosemary, Alice, Michael, Joanne, Kelly, Ken, Harold, Mark, Paul, Ruby, Dave, Annette, Marge, Joe, Debbie, Carrie, Julie, Virginia, Kari, Eric, Darlene, Shim, Bill, Debbie, John

For Comfort

- Family and Friends of Bertha Leister, Aunt of *Keith Leister
- Family and Friends of Dave Felton, Especially Wife Debbie
- Family and Friends of Brenda Travers, Friend of Bloom Family
- Family and Friends of Paul Wozniak, Husband of *Jan Wozniak

For Provision, Peace, Strength, and Patient Endurance

- Persecuted Christians
- People Around the World Affected by Natural Disasters and Weather Events, Especially People of Western NC, SC

- Weather Events, Heavy Rain, and Flooding, Especially KY, OH, IN, TN, AR
- 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 Wozniak and Her Family
- 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
- Sale of Homes
- Our Government and Leaders
- Renee, Guidance and Direction
- Mothers and Fathers Awaiting Birth of New Babies, For Safe Deliveries
- A Neighbor, Brenda, in Hospice Care
- Gratitude

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
- *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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