

Resurrection Lutheran Church (RLC) offers a broad array of Christian education opportunities to grow in grace, including Sunday morning education classes for adults and children, Confirmation classes, midweek Bible studies, and Vacation Bible School held in the summer.

The first session of Fall 2025 will start on Tuesday, September 2, 2025.

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

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Supper & Scripture on Wednesdays

Starting Wednesday, September 3rd, plan to join us for dinner, then stay for a variety of activities, including adult Christian education classes, Confirmation, youth events, and music ministry rehearsals!

Join us for dinner on Wednesdays from 5:15-6:00 pm in the Family Life Center Gym!

Dinners are prepared for all ages with a buffet style setup including dessert. There can be a vegetarian option upon request. Excellent opportunity to bond with family and friends, new and old, over a sit-down meal!

All are welcome! Online reservations at rlcary.org requested by 12:00 pm on Monday each week.

Suggested donation of \$7 per person or \$25 per family. Cash, check, or card payable at door.

Note: If you plan to attend multiple dinners, you may reserve and pay in advance.

Menu for September

September 3: Danny's Bar-B-Que Pulled Pork, Potato Salad, Hush Puppies, Salad, Fruit, and Banana Pudding

September 10: Baked Ziti with Meatballs, Garlic Bread, Salad, Fruit, and Cake

September 17: Roasted Chicken with Potatoes, Carrots, Salad, Fruit, and Pie

September 24: Jersey Mike's Sandwiches (Ham, Turkey, Roast Beef, Italian, Veggie), Chips, Fruit, and Cookies

Adult Christian Education

Christian Parenting

Date and Time: Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm ~ September 3-November 19

Location: Room 240, Family Life Center

Leaders: Erika Hulse, Children and Family Ministry Director, and Pastor Zach Sarrault

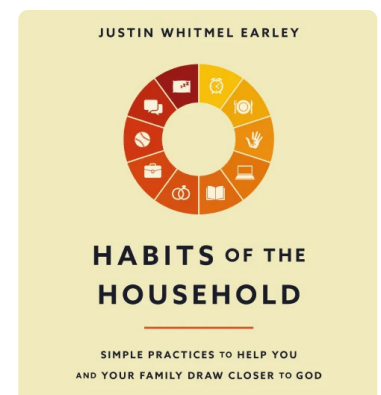
For Parents, Grandparents, Guardians – All Welcome!

Parenting happens in habits. We make meals, get in cars, answer questions, discipline, and do bedtime. Using the book, *Habits of the Household* by Justin Whitmel Earley, we will see how these ordinary routines are extraordinary opportunities to live out the love of God in profound ways.

In our time together, we will grow as the parents God has called us to be and see how God is working in the mundane moments of our households.

Hands-On Bible Class

2nd graders and their parents are invited to a brief overview of their new Hands-On Bible with Pastor Zach on Wednesday, September 24 from 5:30-6:00 pm in Room 240, Family Life Center.



Supper & Scripture on Wednesdays

The Rock, The Road, and The Rabbi

Date and Time: Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm ~ September 3-October 22

Location: Room 151, Family Life Center

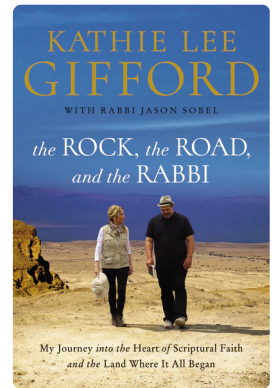
Leaders: Tim Kearby and Mindy Stephani

Have you ever longed to walk where Jesus walked, to understand Scripture the way His first followers did? Join us for an inspiring Bible study based on the book, *The Rock, The Road, and The Rabbi* by Kathie Lee Gifford — a journey through the Holy Land with fresh insight from Jewish roots and ancient traditions.

Together, we'll explore:

- * The Rock – Jesus Christ, Our Firm Foundation
- * The Road – The Actual Paths He Walked in Israel
- * The Rabbi – The Word of God Through the Lens of Hebrew Culture

This study combines Biblical truth, history, and personal reflection to deepen your faith and enrich your understanding of God's Word. Whether you've been studying the Bible for years or are just beginning, this experience will open your eyes to Scripture in a powerful new way.



All are welcome. Bring your Bible, your questions, and your heart ready to grow. Any materials for the class will be provided.

James For Men

Date and Time: Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm (Fellowship at 6:30 pm)
September 3-October 22

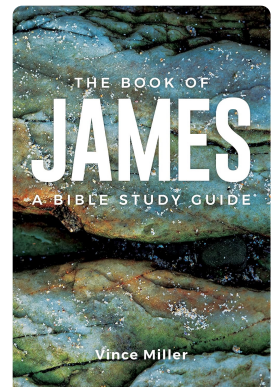
Location: Room 247, Family Life Center

Leader: Tom Gebbia

Progress never comes easily! If you want to see improvement and concrete results, in anything you do, you will need to embrace discomfort. Yet it's the discomfort that prevents men from pressing on toward the goal.

The book of James, which was written by the half-brother of Jesus, serves as a call to action for those who are hesitant to push through discomfort. And for those men who like a challenge, James is the book. This book will spur you toward righteous action.

In *The Book of James For Men*, author and speaker Vince Miller explores vital spiritual elements which are important for men of all ages and stages of life. This book addresses the tough issues we all encounter and teaches us to face them head on in a godly way.



Supper & Scripture on Wednesdays

Women of the Word (WOW)

Everlasting: Peaks, Valleys, and Grace in the Psalms

Date and Time: Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm (Fellowship at 6:45 pm)

September 3-December 10

Location: Fellowship Hall

Contact: Jamee Thieme

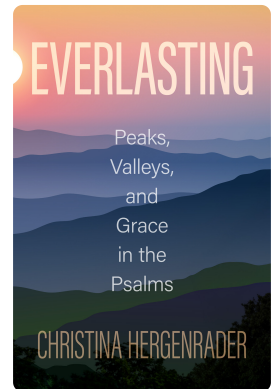
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A Zoom group version of this will be available on Mondays, 7:00-8:00 pm.

Book is available for purchase from Concordia Publishing House and Amazon.

Digital version is also available through Amazon.



This Is the Church

Date and Time: Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm ~ September 10-October 8

Location: Room 251, Family Life Center

Leader: Pastor Jonathan Blanke

We will focus on the basics of what Christians believe and how the Christian faith can be understood in distinction from other world religions. It is a great opportunity for those who are joining us from another denomination or are new to the church altogether.

Bring your Bible; a catechism will be provided.



Supper & Scripture on Wednesdays

Confirmation

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Date and Time: Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm ~ September 3-April 22

Location: Room 240, Family Life Center

Leader: Pastor Zach Sarrault

Confirmation is a valued step in the faith formation of our youth. It is a time for 7th and 8th graders to confirm the faith that they were baptized into and grow in the knowledge and grace of their Savior. They see how God has worked in the past and still works today, equipping them to live in family that God has baptized them into.

Bible and Catechism provided.

Save these dates!

April 29, 2026 - Confirmation Banquet

May 3, 2026 - Confirmation Sunday

Mission and Vision of Confirmation at RLC

Confirmation provides a toolbox of equipping, modeling, and encouraging that promotes a lifestyle of following Jesus.



Confirmation/Middle School Youth Retreat

September 12-14 at Camp Agapé

Activities include Bible study, hiking, games, zip line, Confirmation specific tasks, low ropes, team building, s'mores by fire pit, and enjoying God's creation!

\$125 for the weekend. Register by August 29 to Jenny Piontek, Youth Director.

Supper & Scripture on Wednesdays

For Children and Youth

Kidz Live

Date and Time: Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm ~ September 3-May 20

Location: Family Life Center Gym

Contact: Erika Hulse, Children and Family Ministry Director

Children, Kindergarten-5th Grade, will participate in a devotion, activity, and then play games or complete a fun project.

K.I.C.K.S. (Kids In Christ Keep Shining)

Date and Time: 2nd Wednesday of the Month, 6:00-7:00 pm

September 10-May 13

Location: Family Life Center Gym

Contact: Erika Hulse, Children and Family Ministry Director

During this Youth Group for 3rd-5th grades, children will have opportunities to participate in devotions, seasonal activities, service projects, games, crafts, and more.

Led by Kim and Dave Breiler. There will also be some off-campus activities and events.



Middle School Youth Group

Date and Time: Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm ~ September 3-April 22

Location: The Warehouse, Room 253, Family Life Center

Leader: Jenny Piontek, Youth Director

Middle school students (6th-8th grade) are in an important stage of faith building. The goal is to spark that faith flame and watch it grow! We have fun, ask questions, build our team and group up, learn, serve, engage, grow, and take that faith spark out into our homes, church, families, and community.

Supper & Scripture on Wednesdays

Music Ministry

Jubilee Bells

For: 2nd-6th Grade Youth Interested in Ringing

Date and Time: Wednesdays, 5:00-5:30 pm ~ September 3-May 20

Location: Sanctuary

Rainbow Choir

For: 4 years-1st Grade Children Interested in Singing

Date and Time: Wednesdays, 5:30-6:00 pm ~ September 3-May 20

Location: Sanctuary

Sonshine Singers

For: 2nd-6th Grade Youth Interested in Singing

Date and Time: Wednesdays, 5:30-6:00 pm ~ September 3-May 20

Location: Choir Room

Heavenly Handbells

For: Adult and High School Age Ringers

Date and Time: Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm ~ September 3-May 27

Location: Sanctuary

Sanctuary Choir

For: Adult and High School Age Vocalists

Date and Location: Wednesdays, 8:00-9:00 pm ~ August 27-June 3

Location: Sanctuary



Questions? Contact Bob Unger, Director of Music Ministry, Emeritus
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Sunday Mornings

RLC values Christian education, for adults and children, and considers it to be an essential part of a healthy equipping ministry. We offer Sunday School opportunities for all ages from 9:30-10:30 am, September through May.

The first Sunday session for Fall 2025 will start on Sunday, September 7, 2025.

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study **Challenging Words of Jesus**

Date and Time: Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am ~ September 7-October 12

Location: Fellowship Hall

Leaders: Pastor Zach Sarrault, Pastor Jonathan Blanke

Ever wonder why Jesus tells you to *hate your family, make friends by unrighteous wealth, fear God, or that divorce is adultery*? We will be specifically looking at these challenging words of Jesus, because even His hard words matter for our relationship with Him and the people He gives us. Jesus doesn't always tell you what you want to hear. But He always tells you what you need to hear, and even the hard words are a gift given to you in love. Our goal will be to understand these hard words in context and see the love of Jesus behind them.

Materials: *Jesus Said What?* by Christopher M. Kennedy

Sunday School for Youth

Date and Time: Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am ~ September 7-May 17

Location: The Warehouse, Room 253, Family Life Center

Leader: Jenny Piontek, Youth Director

For Middle School (6th-8th Grade) and High School (9th-12th Grade) Youth, our Enduring Faith Bible curriculum is a flexible curriculum that nurtures lifelong disciples of Jesus. We will be doing a walk through the whole Bible and its major themes, tracing God's plan of salvation from Genesis to Revelation. Let's dive into our Enduring Faith!

Sunday School for Children

Date and Time: Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am ~ September 7-May 17

Contact: Erika Hulse, Children and Family Ministry Director

We are excited to explore God's Word beginning in the book of Genesis. Enduring Faith Bible curriculum is Christ centered, age appropriate, and offers a variety of activities to engage all learners. Teachers and students will read Bible accounts, participate in hands-on activities, play games, and make projects.

* Preschool in Room 132

* Kindergarten-1st Grade in Room 135

* 2nd-3rd Grade in Room 131

* 4th-5th Grade in Room 133

Weekdays and Other Events

Adult Christian Education

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Date and Time: Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 am ~ September 2-May 19

Location: Fellowship Hall

Leaders: Pastor Jonathan Blanke, Pastor Zach Sarrault

God gives His Word to instruct, guide, and bless our lives. The Scripture lessons in worship offer a menu every week to build up the people of God in faith and hope. We will study the lessons for the following Sunday, and as we do, we expect that this Word will enrich and edify our community prayer, faith, and servant life in Christ.

Women of the Word (WOW) ~ Everlasting: Peaks, Valleys, and Grace in the Psalms

Date and Time: Mondays, 7:00-8:00 pm ~ September 8-December 15

Contact: Jamee Thieme

This is an online Zoom group version of the Wednesday evening class using the book, *Everlasting: Peaks, Valleys, and Grace in the Psalms* by Christina Hergenrader.

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New Member Events

Interested in becoming a church member? First, we will have a **Welcome to Resurrection Brunch** on Saturday, September 13 from 10:00-11:30 am. We try to meet all our guests at worship, but we know we miss some of you. This brunch is an opportunity for us to get to know you better and you get to know who we are too! What will happen? Eat good food, have good conversation, and tour our facilities. Kids are invited!

Next, we offer **This Is the Church** (September 10, 17, 24, October 1 and 8). This class takes a close look at what we believe as Christians.

Then our **Discover Resurrection** event will be offered on Saturday, October 11 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm. Childcare is provided upon request. It is at this event that we take a closer look at how we do life together at RLC. Anyone interested in doing so is then invited to officially join our Resurrection family.

Save the Date! We will welcome you into our Resurrection family the weekend of October 25/26 during each of our services. God's blessings to you as we continue our journey in faith!

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

Weekdays and Other Events

All Church Events

Mark your calendar for these upcoming church events!

Saturday, October 4 ~ Sleep in Heavenly Peace

We will build beds for families who do not have the means to provide beds for their children. Volunteers help build, deliver, and assemble beds in homes under the direction of SHP team leads. shpbeds.org

Sunday, October 19 ~ Worship in the Park

Join us as we celebrate our 11:00 am Worship in Ritter Park (across from church), including musical offerings by Resurrection Lutheran School students. There will be no 9:30 Worship Service or adult Sunday School.

Sunday, October 26 ~ Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat

You are invited for games, crafts, and trunk or treating!

Men's Ministry

The Men's Ministry exists to draw us together as Kingdom builders in our lives, our homes, our jobs, our community, and our church. We strive to be continually growing in our relationship with Christ through prayer, studying His word, fellowship, and service.

Men's Breakfasts

The monthly breakfasts will start back up again on Saturday, September 13. They are typically on the 2nd Saturday of each month. Last year, we had several formats: Men's Breakfast, Men and Women Combined Breakfast, and a Pastor's Forum. The men's cook team has a ton of fun preparing the food and is in demand, often preparing breakfast for other church events. Please reach out to Tom Gebbia, if you want to join in the fun.

Men's Retreat and Service Event

Save the date for our annual Men's Retreat and Service Event at Camp Agapé on March 13-15, 2026!

There is some flexibility to join us for part or all of the event. The Friday night cookout/potluck, service projects, and the weekend of study activities in the woods continue to be impactful and worth your time.

Let Tom Gebbia know if you want to join the team to help plan, coordinate, and lead the event. There are plenty of opportunities to plug in.

Contact Tom Gebbia at mens-ministry@rlcary.org for more information regarding the RLC Men's Ministry.

Weekdays and Other Events

Women's Ministry

We welcome all women to any of events held throughout the year! We are meeting primarily in the form of small monthly groups with specific interests and in a large, combined group once per year.

For more details, contact Jamee Thieme. Also check weekly announcements and monthly newsletter.

RLW Advent Tea

Mark your calendar the annual RLW Advent Tea on Saturday, December 6 from 12:00-2:00 pm. Registration details will be in the church mailboxes mid-October and following in the weekly announcements.

Youth Events

High School Youth Group

For: 9th-12th Grade Youth

Date and Time: Sundays, 6:30-8:00 pm

September 7-June 14

Location: The Warehouse, Room 253, Family Life Center

Leader: Jenny Piontek, Youth Director

We have fun, encourage one another, serve, engage, and grow our faith!

Plan to attend the High School Youth and Family Kick Off on Sunday, September 7 from 6:30-8:00 pm. Lots of fun!

Save the date for the High School Youth Retreat!

October 31-November 2



Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

Hebrews 12:1-3

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