

Christian Education

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 2026 will start on Tuesday, September 8, 2026.

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

Our offerings include:

Sunday Morning and Evening

Sunday School for Children, Youth, and Adults
High School Youth Group

Supper & Scripture on Wednesdays

Join us for dinner, then stay for a variety of activities, including adult Christian education classes, Confirmation, youth events, and music ministry rehearsals!

Weekdays and Other Events

Weekday Offerings and RLC Events

New Member Events

New to RLC? Check out these events.

Sunday Morning and Evening

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 2026 will start on Sunday, September 13, 2026.

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study (Term 1)

Sunday School Stories... They're Not Just For Kids!

Date and Time: Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am ~ September 13-October 11

Location: Fellowship Hall

Leader: Pastor Zach Sarrault

Creation, Noah's Ark, Jonah and the Whale, Daniel and the Lion's Den, these are some of the foundational Bible stories we are taught at a young age, then when you hit a certain age you don't hear them used a whole lot in the church. Why are we taught them as kids? Do they still matter to adults?

Join me, and bring your Bible, as we dig a little deeper into some of the "Bible classics" to see what God was doing then and how He still uses these stories today!

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study (Term 2)

The Prophets: God's Oracles

Date and Time: Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am ~ October 18-December 20

Location: Fellowship Hall

Leader: Larry Cameron

This series of classes will examine the major themes of the books of the prophets. Topics include humanity's core problem, God's perfect justice, the goal of restoration, and God's desire for a permanent dwelling place among His people. The names and titles by which God presents Himself and the key metaphors He uses also reveal much about the God whom we worship.

Those attending need bring only their Bibles. Additional handouts will be provided.



Sunday Morning and Evening

Sunday School for Youth

Date and Time: Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am ~ September 13-May 23

Location: Room 151, Family Life Center

Leader: Jenny Piontek, Youth Director

For Middle School (6th-8th Grade) and High School (9th-12th Grade) Youth.

This new Sunday School format will be a combination of praise and worship with an interactive devotional themed focus. The themes will last about 4 weeks and be applicable to approaching every day life as a teenager.

There may be opportunities some Sundays to lead younger groups as well. We will be meeting downstairs in Room 151.

Sunday School for Children

Date and Time: Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am ~ September 13-May 23

Contact: Erika Hulse, Children and Family Ministry Director

We explore God's Word using a curriculum that is Christ centered, age appropriate, and engaging to all learners. Teachers and students will read Bible accounts, participate in hands-on activities, play games, and make projects. Classes in the Family Life Center.

* Preschool in Room 132

* Kindergarten-1st Grade in Room 135

* 2nd-3rd Grade in Room 131

* 4th-5th Grade in Room 133



High School Youth Group

For 9th-12th Grade Youth.

Date and Time: Sundays, 6:30-8:00 pm ~ August 30-May 23

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!

Supper & Scripture on Wednesdays

On Wednesdays, 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!

The first Supper & Scripture for Fall 2026 will be on Wednesday, September 9, 2026.

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 welcome! Online reservations at rlcary.org are 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.

Adult Christian Education

Christian Parenting - Questions They Ask

Date and Time: Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm ~ September 9-April 21

Location: Room 240, Family Life Center

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

Our kids ask us a lot of questions. Are we prepared to answer them? When was the last time we actually answered these questions for ourselves? As Christian parents, we want to be ready to answer the faith-filled questions our kids give us, answering them in a way that is faithful to God's Word. Who is God? What is the Trinity? When is Jesus coming back? Where is heaven? How do we pray? Why did He allow sin? Join us and bring your own questions as we grow in God's calling to be Christian parents.

This Is the Church

Date and Time: Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm ~ September 9-October 7 (Term 1)

Location: Room 251, Family Life Center

Leader: Pastor Jonathan Blanke

This class takes a close look at what we believe as Christians. It is a great opportunity for everyone, whether you're coming from another denomination, new to the Christian faith altogether, or simply want to review the basics of the Christian faith according to the Lutheran tradition.

Bring your Bible; a catechism will be provided.

Supper & Scripture on Wednesdays

Why We're Lutheran: The Augsburg Confession

Date and Time: Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm ~ October 14-November 18 (Term 2)

Location: Room 251, Family Life Center

Leader: Matt and Tiffany Oettinger, Pastor Jonathan Blanke

Rooted in Scripture, the Augsburg Confession remains a clear summary of what Lutherans believe and confess nearly 500 years after it was written. In this six-week class, we'll explore together some of the biggest questions of the Christian faith. Along the way, we'll dig into Scripture, discover the fascinating history that shaped the Reformation, and see how Lutheran beliefs compare with other Christian traditions.

Whether you've been Lutheran your whole life or are still wondering what exactly makes a Lutheran, well, Lutheran, join us as we discover why it still matters and what it means for us today.

Suggested Materials: The Augsburg Confession - Concordia Reader's Edition [can be purchased at CPH](#).

The Book of Concord - Concordia Publishing House ([free online copy](#))

Complete Book of Concord, includes Augsburg Confession, [can be purchased at CPH](#).

Men's Ministry

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

Location: Room 245, Family Life Center

Contact: Tom Gebbia

A Study of Heroes of the Faith

September 9-23

Are you curious about some of the less famous men and women in the Bible? Would you like to learn more about their lives, how they responded to God's call, and how we can apply these lessons to our lives today? The Men's group will study and discuss some of these using the *Heroes of the Faith* Series of studies published by Concordia Publishing House.

We will study one person each week. We will learn about the cultural setting and life story of each person, examine the joys and challenges they faced and see how God forgave and empowered them. We will discuss how these lessons can apply to our lives as Christian men today. This year, we will learn about "quiet" heroes of the faith such as Hannah, Zacchaeus, Dorcas and John Mark. Led by Mark Otten.

God's Prophets

September 30-October 7

The men who were God's prophets: a look at their challenges and their sufferings as well as the loving protection the Lord always provided them. Led by Larry Cameron.

Supper & Scripture on Wednesdays

Women of the Word (WOW)

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

Location: Room 151, Family Life Center

Contact: Jamee Thieme

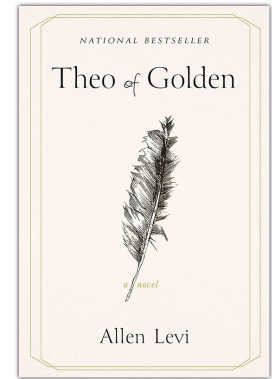
Seen by God, Sent to See Others

September 9-October 7 (Term 1)

Each week, we will discuss portions of the book, *Theo of Golden*, and use a companion Bible Study by author, Donna Snow.

Participants should obtain their own copy of *Theo of Golden*. Copies of the Bible Study will be provided at class meetings.

An identical class and a Zoom option is available on Mondays, 7:00-8:00 pm.



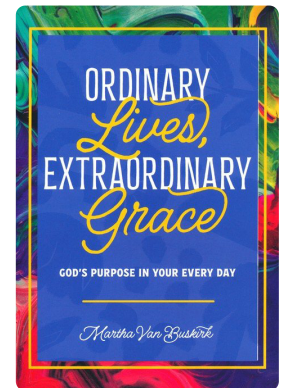
Ordinary Lives, Extraordinary Grace

October 14-November 18 (Term 2)

Each week, we'll discuss portions of the book *Ordinary Lives, Extraordinary Grace* by Martha Vanbuskirk.

Participants should obtain their own copy of *Ordinary Lives, Extraordinary Grace* by Martha Vanbuskirk. Available through Amazon or Concordia Publishing House.

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Youth Christian Education

Confirmation

Date and Time: Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm ~ September 9-April 21

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!

Wednesday, April 28, 2027 - Confirmation Banquet

Sunday, May 2, 2027 - Confirmation Sunday

Supper & Scripture on Wednesdays

For Children and Youth

Kidz Live

Date and Time: Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm ~ September 9-April 21

Location: Gym, Family Life Center

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.

Middle School Youth Group

Date and Time: Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm ~ September 9-April 21

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.

Bible Distribution for Toddlers and 2nd Graders

Date and Time: Saturday, September 26 and Sunday, September 27 at All Worship Services

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

The Hands-On Bible with Dirty Hands

Date and Time: Wednesday, September 30 from 5:30-6:00 pm

Location: Room 240, Family Life Center

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

For 2nd grade kids and their parents.

Join Pastor Zach for an introduction to the Hands-On Bible you received in church!

Learn fun tips and tricks to help you familiarize yourself with your brand new Bible.

If you are unable to attend service and would like a Bible, please let us know.



Supper & Scripture on Wednesdays

Music Ministry

Resurrection Lutheran Church's Music Ministry includes people of all ages, and all levels of musical ability and background. Together we give glory to God and serve as a blessing and inspiration to others through the use of our God-given talents in musical offerings. This year will be full of exciting, inspirational festivals and musical events.

Jubilee Bells

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

Date and Time: Wednesdays, 5:00-5:30 pm ~ September 9-May 5

Location: Sanctuary

Rainbow Choir

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

Date and Time: Wednesdays, 5:30-6:00 pm ~ September 9-May 5

Location: Sanctuary

Sonshine Singers

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

Date and Time: Wednesdays, 5:30-6:00 pm ~ September 9-May 5

Location: Choir Room

Heavenly Handbells

For Adult and High School Age Ringers.

Date and Time: Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm ~ September 2-May 19

Location: Sanctuary

Sanctuary Choir

For Adult and High School Age Vocalists.

Date and Location: Wednesdays, 8:00-9:00 pm ~ September 2-May 19

Location: Sanctuary

There are other musical opportunities available for anyone who wants to share their musical gifts, including Celebration Singers, Reign! Praise Band, and Resurrection Brass Ensemble.

Vocal and instrumental solos, duets, and ensembles are always welcome as musical offerings and/or pre-service music.

If you wish to participate or have any questions, contact Bob Unger,
Director of Music Ministry Emeritus, at robert.unger@rlcary.org or 919-851-7248 ext. 25.



Weekdays and Other Events

Adult Christian Education

DivorceCare

Date and Time: Mondays, 6:30-8:30 pm ~ August 17-November 16

Location: Room 140, Family Life Center

Leader: Sue Campau

Resurrection is hosting a DivorceCare support group on Monday evenings. This 13-week program supports people who are going through separation and/or divorce and provides practical tools offering more than support — it also offers the love and presence of Christ.

Workbooks are required to get the most benefits and are available when participants register at DivorceCare.org (look for the group hosted by Resurrection Lutheran Church).

Women of the Word (WOW)

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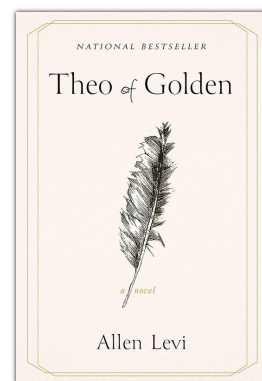
Seen by God, Sent to See Others

September 14-October 12 (Term 1)

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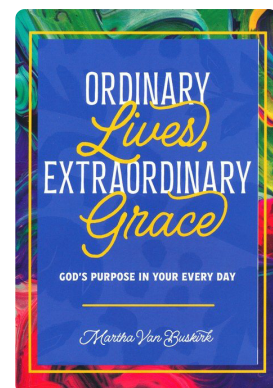


Ordinary Lives, Extraordinary Grace

October 19-November 23 (Term 2)

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Weekdays and Other Events

Adult Christian Education

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Date and Time: Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 am ~ September 8-May 25

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.

Children and Youth Events

Middle School/Confirmation Retreat

Friday, September 25-Sunday, September 27

Camp Agape, Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina

Fall Festival

Sunday, October 25

RLC Parking Lot and Gym

Late Night for Middle School and High School Youth

Friday, October 23

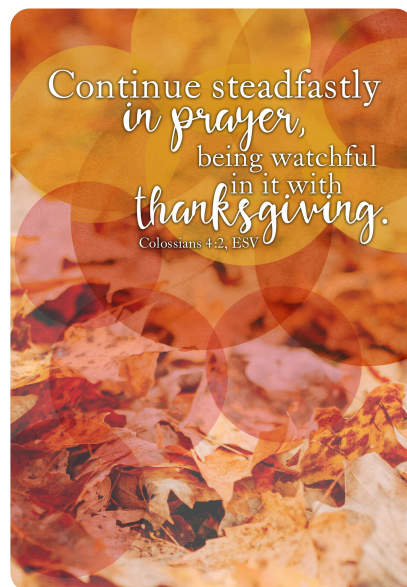
The Warehouse, Room 253, and Gym in Family Life Center

High School Youth Gathering ~ Southeastern District, LCMS

Friday, November 20-Sunday, November 22

Watermarks Camp, Scottsville, Virginia

Theme is Exodus 34:6 - compassionate, gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in loyal love and faithfulness. Look for details closer to event.



Weekdays and Other Events

All Church Events

Cristo's Café Dinner

Sunday, October 4 in the Gym, Family Life Center

We are bringing back this popular fundraising event for our Youth Ministry! More details to follow.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build Day

Saturday, October 17 in the RLC Parking Lot

All children deserve a safe, comfortable place to lay their heads. RLC will be sponsoring a Sleep in Heavenly Peace Build Day on Saturday, October 17 from 9:00 am-12:00 pm in the church parking lot. We will need many volunteers for the build. Look for sign up closer to the event.

Worship in the Park

Sunday, November 8 at 11:00 am

Ritter Park (Across Lochmere Drive from RLC)

Save the date and plan to come worship outdoors in God's creation! And stay for food and fellowship following service.

Note: There will be no Sunday School for adults and children and no 9:30 am service held that day.

Blood Drive - Hosted by Stewardship of Life & Health

Wednesday, November 11 from 12:00-5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Donate blood in honor of our veterans and first responders.

Note: The church office will be closed in observance of Veterans Day. There will be no Supper & Scripture activities held that day, except for Heavenly Handbells and Sanctuary Choir rehearsals.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Wednesday, November 25 at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary

We gather for worship and Holy Communion on the eve of this national Day of Thanksgiving with joyful hearts, and we raise our hymns and prayers in gratitude to God for an abundance of blessings.

Note: There will be no other Wednesday night activities held. The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27. And there will be no Sunday School for adults and children on Sunday, November 29.

Weekdays and Other Events

New Member Events

New to Resurrection?

Welcome to Resurrection Brunch

Saturday, September 12 from 10:00-11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall

We try to meet all our guests at worship, but we know we miss some of you. Even those we do meet; we don't get to know you very well. 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!

This Is the Church

Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm in Room 251, Family Life Center ~ September 9-October 7

This class takes a close look at what we believe as Christians. It is a great opportunity for everyone, whether you're coming from another denomination, new to the Christian faith altogether, or simply want to review the basics of the Christian faith according to the Lutheran tradition.

Led by Pastor Jonathan Blanke.

New Member Class ~ Discover Resurrection

Saturday, October 10 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

It is at this event that we take a closer look at how we do life together at RLC. All who attend will be prepared to become a member of the Resurrection Lutheran Church family! Childcare is provided upon request.

We do ask if you are joining Resurrection (even if transferring from another congregation) to participate in this class as it helps you learn about our church life and how you can serve alongside us as a member of the RLC family.

Save the Date! We will welcome you into our Resurrection family the weekend of **October 24 and 25** during each our worship services.

Questions or to RSVP to any of these events, please contact Pastor Zach at zach.sarrault@rlcary.org.

God's blessings to you as we continue our journey in faith!

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Worship at Resurrection is designed to be a life-changing encounter with the living God through Word and Sacrament. Part of the larger Christian witness of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, Southeastern District, services are planned to use the best of traditional and contemporary forms according to the church year and the weekly scripture lessons.

Worship Schedule

Traditional Services in the Sanctuary

Saturday, 6:00 pm

Sunday, 8:00 am

Sunday, 9:30 am

Praise Worship Service in the Family Life Center

Sunday, 11:00 am

Online Worship

Join us online for worship live at 8:00 am from the Sanctuary and
11:00 am from the Family Life Center!

Connect through our YouTube channel ([@resurrectionlutherancary](#))
or rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship.

