



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 2023

From the Pastor

I love Thanksgiving!

All the great food, time with family and friends, football (go Lions!), and the specific time set aside to be thankful for all we have makes it one of my favorite holidays of the year. What I may love most about Thanksgiving though, is its lack of prominence in the world of commerce. As you're running errands on any given day from about mid-October through December, you will find Christmas decorations galore. Even Easter items start to show up alongside Valentine treats. The world has taken advantage of almost every church celebration, and then there is Thanksgiving, a holiday that stands alone in its significance and purpose in our relationship with God.

Thanksgiving is unique among holidays, because unlike almost every other holiday, it can be hard to make it all about me. The act of thanksgiving is completely outward focused. If you make it all about yourself, then you are no longer being thankful, you're being selfish. To be thankful, the act of thanksgiving has to be focused somewhere else, and on the last Thursday of November, we take the time to focus on God and His gifts for us.

So, what does God say about being thankful? Well, I didn't find much where God gives instruction about being thankful, instead I found many verses throughout God's Word from God's people focusing their thankfulness on God. He is the center of our thankfulness and as God's people we keep that as our focus during this Thanksgiving season (and every season!). The Psalms, the prayer book of the Bible, is where we find many words of thanksgiving directed toward God. How can we learn from just three of these verses?

Worship Schedule

Saturday

6:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Sunday

8:00 am in the Sanctuary*

9:30 am in the Sanctuary

11:00 am

Praise Worship

in the Family Life Center*

*Live Stream

Dates of Interest:

- Moms Night Out.....Nov 9
Veterans DayNov 10
Pledge WeekendNov 12
Kids Against Hunger...Nov 18
Youth Sunday.....Nov 19
Thanksgiving Service..Nov 22
Office Closed.....Nov 23-24
1st Sun in AdventNov 26
RLS Book FairNov 27
Hanging of GreensNov 29

Sunday Morning Adult Ed

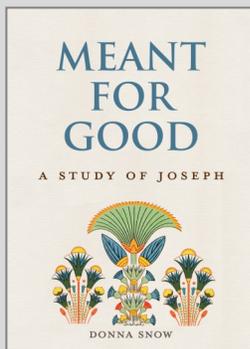
Meant for Good: A Study of Joseph

A devotional journey through the life of Joseph, Genesis 30-50.

Everyone remembers Joseph from Sunday School days! But how often have you stopped to think about Joseph's life as a kind of "spiritual boot camp" that parallels your own? As author Donna Snow writes, "The amazing truth about God's spiritual boot camp (basically, our whole life) is that He never leaves us. Ever.

In Joseph, we see Christlike qualities and parallels to apply to our Christian walk. We can choose to become victims of our circumstances, or we can trust God to bring beauty from ashes every single time.

Join us on **Sunday mornings, 9:30-10:30 am** in Fellowship Hall from September 10-November 12!



Proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all Your wondrous deeds.

Psalm 26:7

Thankfulness is meant to be proclaimed, shouted from the rooftops, and celebrated! We are thankful for the goodness of God that has entered into our lives. Whether it be the big flashing acts of God, or the little, day-to-day, moments that we often overlook God is the One who gives us every good and perfect gift (James 1:17). Around the Thanksgiving table, we have an opportunity to share what God has done for you over the past year. How can you verbally show your thankfulness to God this season? It isn't selfish to talk about God to others, and during the holiday season others may be more ready to hear God's works for you than at other times of the year.

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the Lord.

Psalm 116:17

Thankfulness is meant to be lived out, worked into our daily lives! Recognizing that all we have comes from God, our lives are then ordered in a different manner (1 Thessalonians 5:18). Thankfulness leads to selflessness, because then all we can do is give back to God through giving back to others. That is why we have opportunities like Kids Against Hunger (sign up here: bit.ly/45OhGDw) at RLC where we recognize the overabundance of gifts that God has given us and then give to those in need all around the world. How is God calling you to live out thankfulness this season?

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
for His steadfast love endures forever!

Psalm 118:1

Thankfulness has a reason! God keeps His promises (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24) of enduring love, an eternal home, a loving embrace, a steadfast Savior, and a grace-filled Forgiver. Of all the gifts that God shows to all people (Matthew 5:45), His eternal gifts are those that we are most thankful for. Without His eternal gifts, we would be lost in this world and without hope. Praise be to God for His goodness that never ends!

Your thankful brother in Christ,
Pastor Zach Sarrault



Church Council News

October 2023

- During our October Council Meeting, we addressed facility, maintenance, and budget issues.
- One of the HVAC systems supporting the schools failed during the early summer. Installation was scheduled for mid-October at a cost of about \$33,000.
- The Resurrection facilities are aging and repairs are now becoming more common. The roof line between the Sanctuary and Narthex is leaking and estimates for this repair varied greatly. The vendor chosen will make these roof repairs in late October.
- The Council is now considering how best to address maintenance issues before they become too expensive. Regularly scheduled walk arounds and inspections were discussed, as well as the possibility of other volunteer efforts.
- The General Fund contributions are far behind the expenditures for the first three months of our July-June Fiscal Year. This is common for this time of year and it is hoped November and December donations will help improve the situation. All members can find the Expense Statement in the RCB Account (Login to RCB / Click on Entire Church Group / Click on FILES).
- The Endowment Committee has undergone some changes during the past few months. Lisa Snyder and Scott Ferguson are now our permanent members, with Mike Hahne (Council Treasurer) as an ex-officio member.
- The 2023 RLC Council continued its strategic distribution of The Next 40 Mission Funds by approving \$5500 for Kids Against Hunger.
- Don't forget - the next **Voter's Meeting will be Sunday, December 10 at 12:45 pm** in the Family Life Center. The Agenda will include election of 6 Council Members, Pastor's Report, School Report, Preschool Report, and an update from the Endowment Committee.

Your Council members are listed below and are willing to take questions and suggestions.

Mike Haertling, President (505) 690-9929	Mark Dirks, Council Member (919) 345-5348
Lori Jannings, Vice President (919) 523-6619	Charles Miller, Council Member (919) 534-5649
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Mike Heffner, Secretary (469) 644-2049	Linda Mangino, Council Member (919) 538-0104
Barry Needle, Council Member (919) 345-5088	Ex Officio: Margaret Hyatt, Operations Director (919) 851-7248
	Ex Officio: Pastor Jonathan Blanke, Sr. Pastor (301) 997-6687

Adult Christian Education

Bible Study Opportunities

SUNDAY

Sunday Morning Adult Christian Education

One Day Only - Sunday, November 19, 9:30-10:30 am - Fellowship Hall

Words Matter with Pastor Alan Shaw

How careful should a person be when driving a car or operating heavy machinery?

Can a helpful tool become a destructive force if it is used wrongly or inattentively?

This class explores our opportunities and responsibilities when using one of the most powerful instrumentalities available to peacemakers, parties, and all people made in God's image: our words.

MONDAY

Monday Night Women's Bible Study

Mondays, 7:00-8:00 pm - Room 151, Family Life Center & Zoom

God's Provision in a Wilderness World - September 11-November 20

Men's Weekly Study and Fellowship

Mondays, 7:00-8:15 pm - Room 240, Family Life Center

The Chosen, Season 3 - October 16-December 4

TUESDAY

Tuesday Morning Bible Study and Fellowship

Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 am - Fellowship Hall

Ongoing

Mama Bear Apologetics... Also for Papa Bears

Tuesdays, 2:00-3:00 pm - Room 240, Family Life Center

Ongoing



WEDNESDAY

Mama Bear Apologetics... Also for Papa Bears

Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm - Room 240, Family Life Center

Ongoing

Christ and Culture

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 pm - Fellowship Hall

October 25-December 13

Men with Kids

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45 pm - Room 247, Family Life Center

The Book of Romans: Part 2 - Ongoing

[Christian education information, including class descriptions, can be found here.](#)

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

Worship Services

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

We gather for worship 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.

God, in His Grace, has given us all that we need for body and soul.
We respond with thanksgiving, recognizing that all we have is from His Grace.

**Join us in the Sanctuary for Worship and Holy Communion
on Wednesday, November 22 at 7:00 pm!**

Service can also be viewed online at [Resurrection Lutheran Church-Cary NC](#).

There will be no other Wednesday night activities held.

*The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24.

Love and Serve Your Neighbor

Intercessory Prayer



RLC INTERCESSORY PRAYER SUPPORT WE NEED YOUR HELP:

WHO: people with a heart to listen and pray

WHAT: stay after one service for 10-minutes and pray with those who are looking for additional prayer support

WHEN: after service the last weekend of each month

WHERE: right here at RLC

WHY: no experience necessary; an introductory (short) class will guide you through expectations, but we know that prayer is powerful and this is one small way to love and serve "your neighbor" right here at RLC.

Contact Pastor Alan for more information or sign up on Signup Genius website using alan.shaw@rlcary.org to search for the group.

The Piecemakers

Blessing of the Quilts and Silent Auction

Thank you for all your contributions for our Lutheran World Relief mission quilt and Sleep in Heavenly Peace projects, both your purchases and donations are greatly appreciated! Without all your contributions, we would not be able to reach as many people and families as we do. Our auction this year brought in \$3,015 which will be used to purchase batting all year round and have some of our handmade quilts longarm for next year.

The Piecemakers, RLC's quilting group, is unique with about 20 women — some working from home while others come into the building to work on Tuesdays. When fabric is donated, it is washed and ironed, so it can be cut into squares or stripes. The squares will be laid out making sure they look correct and put into kits to be sewn together. The strips are taken home and made into or added to quilt tops. We then sew the quilt kits Together; this can be done in their homes at their convenience. Those that come into the building on Tuesdays, sandwich the quilt tops with the batting and the backing. Some will then take them home, sew around them, turn and top stitch, then brought back into the building so it can be delivered or picked up to be tied. Once tied, it is done and ready to be stored until October when we have them all blessed by our congregation. They are boxed, weighed, and ready to be delivered to Grace Lutheran in Raleigh. From Raleigh, they are picked up by a semi-truck and taken to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in Maryland.

As you can see we are unique and without all the hands to do this work plus your continued support, we would not be as successful as we are. If you would like to be a part of this unique group, please come join us on Tuesdays in January, from 1:00-3:00 pm in Room 151, Family Life Center. Please continue to pray for all those around the world needing our love, comfort, and support with a quilt.



Sign up for **Altar Flowers**
in Sanctuary or Family Life Center!

Flowers are from Cary Florist
and cost \$45.

Contact the church office
(919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org)
or click the link below.



[Sign Up Online Here!](#)

Worship Servants

There is always a need for more volunteers to assist in all of our worship services. Consider being a greeter or usher, worship assistant or lay reader, slide tech or live stream team member.

Reach out directly to the following for more info:

- Saturday, 6:00 pm - Lori Jannings
- Sunday, 8:00 am - Brenda Peterson
- Sunday, 9:30 am - Dara Linn
- Sunday, 11:00 am - Suzi Heffner

Small Groups

Adult Game Night

November Game Night for Grownups
Sunday, November 12

Looking for a night of fun and fellowship? Like to play board/card games?
We have some new ones!

Join us the 2nd Sunday of the month from 5:00-9:30 pm
for Game Night for Grownups in Room 240, Family Life Center!
We'll bring a variety of games but feel free to bring your favorite.

For more information or to sign up, contact Sandy Wuori or Ben Wuori
through RCB or the church office at 919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org.

Service Event

Kids Against Hunger

Want to have fun and help kids who are hungry?
All families are invited to join in a food packaging event with a mission of feeding families around the world.



Saturday, November 18 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm
Family Life Center Gym

How does it work?

Participants make an assembly line on two sides of a 10-foot table. Using a funnel between the first 4 people, each of the 4 will add a scoop of their ingredient (rice, beans, spices, etc.), then pass the bag to the next person in the assembly line for sealing and labeling of the bag. Finally, bags are packed in boxes for shipping.

All supplies are provided! [Check out this video!](#)

Parents and children of all ages are invited to participate.

- Children, age 7 and older with their parent or responsible adult, may help bag the food in an assembly line that ends with a sealed bag of dry food.
- Children younger than 7 years old will decorate the boxes that hold the bags of packaged food. There will be adult supervision for this age group of children.

Sign Up at bit.ly/45OhGDw or you may pick up a paper form from the Info Tables.

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

Happy Anniversary!

November 1
Eric and Liz Heise
15 years

November 5
Jim and Lana Zieglmeier
40 years

November 16
Bob and Joyce Hirt
60 years

November 20
John and Barbara Laskey
52 years

Advent Tea



Preparing for Jesus:
An Advent Tea

Saturday, December 2
11:00 am-1:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

Join your fellow sisters-in-Christ for a time of fellowship, encouragement, and faith building as we prepare our hearts and minds for this upcoming Advent season.

Tickets are \$10 each (any excess funds will go towards LWML Mites for Missions) with support from Thrivent Financial. Please bring your own teacup or mug.

To RSVP, complete the form found in your church mailbox or at the Information Tables and place it in Donna Krupcale's mailbox with cash or check payable to RLC (memo - RLW Advent Tea) by Sunday, November 19.

Interested in volunteering? There are opportunities for set up on Friday, and food prep and kitchen duties on Saturday. Sign Up: <https://bit.ly/46yC2lw>

Worship Services



November 26	1st Sunday in Advent	
November 29	Wednesday, 6:00 pm	Hanging of the Greens, Sanctuary
December 3	2nd Sunday in Advent	
December 6	Wednesday, 6:00 pm	Holden Evening Prayer Service, Sanctuary
December 10	3rd Sunday in Advent	Christmas Carol Celebration, Sanctuary 8:00 am and 9:30 am Services
December 13	Wednesday, 6:00 pm	Featuring Old North State Brass, Sanctuary
December 17	4th Sunday in Advent	Including Sunday School Christmas Program, Beginning of 9:30 am Service
December 20	Wednesday, 6:00 pm	Christmas Carol Celebration in Circle Entrance

Worship Times, unless noted: Saturday 6:00 pm, Sunday 8:00 am, 9:30 am, and Praise 11:00 am

Outreach Service to the Community

The Christmas Store

We are excited again to partner with The Christmas Store - Toys For Children and our trees are up!

The Christmas Store exists to provide the gift of new toys at Christmas to children in low-income families by engaging volunteers in meaningful community service. Following the instructions of Jesus, The Christmas Store is designed to help families in towns and cities of southern Wake County who are in need during the holidays.



Please take a tag (or 2!), purchase your item(s), and return them unwrapped with their tags by December 3. Gifts can be placed under the trees in Narthex & Family Life Center.

For gift idea lists by age and gender, visit [The Christmas Store's Amazon page](#).

Gifts can also be purchased through Amazon and sent directly to the store.

For more information, visit [The Christmas Store – christmasstorenc.com](#).

Southeastern District (SED)—LCMS

Deaconess Sally Hiller

Deaconess Sally Hiller is coming to the conclusion of her long tenure as Director of Operations for the Southeastern District—LCMS. We believe it more than appropriate for us to give thanks to God for her many years of service to us.

Sally has served six District Presidents, effectively assisting each of them in their important work. At the same time, she has provided invaluable guidance to our congregations and church workers in the areas of youth and school ministries, district and synod conventions, as well as outreach and disaster relief efforts. At the helm in the SED office, she not only brought timely district news to our attention, but helped both deployed and in-house staff members to function as a team committed to implementing the current form of the district's mission of "connecting people with Jesus."

With the blessing of the SED Board of Directors, Mid-Atlantic Lutherans in Mission (MALIM) is creating a thank offering appeal in recognition of Sally Hiller's years of leadership and service to the SED. As you might expect, Sally has you, rather than herself, in mind for any thank offering in honor of her ministry, and she has asked that any gifts of gratitude directed to MALIM be used as much as possible for "church worker wellness" grants, which will also serve to strengthen the outreach efforts of our congregations during these challenging times in which we now find ourselves.

Therefore, we are asking all our congregations, schools, and workers, as well as lay leaders who may be so inclined, to make a contribution to this "Sally Hiller Thank Offering." Sally will officially retire at the end of this calendar year, and in our view, the time between now and then provides an excellent opportunity for you to respond to this appeal as you see fit.

Gifts of gratitude for the outstanding ministry of this servant of Christ can be made online at [MALIM.org](#) or mailed to MALIM at 2315 North Parham Road, Henrico VA 23229.

With you on God's mission,
Rev. Dr. Jon Diefenthaler
MALIM Vice President and SED President Emeritus

Children and Family Ministry News

November



Upcoming Events:

November 3 - Moms Together
9:30-11 am

November 8 - Service Event
Kids Live 6-7 pm

November 9 - Moms Together
5:30-9:00 pm

November 11 - Service Event
Kids Against Hunger

November 17 - Moms Together
9:30-11 am

November 26 -
No Sunday School

For more information about
Children and Family Ministry Events, contact Erika
at erika.hulse@rlcary.org



Give Thanks

We are thankful for our dedicated Children's Ministry Volunteers!! Thank you Sunday School teachers, KICKS leaders, Kidz Live leaders, Cradle Roll leader, Children's Church leaders, Nursery workers and all the behind the scenes volunteers that help Ms. Erika. We appreciate all you do for the children and families at RLC!



Give Thanks



grateful
thankful
blessed



Questions? Contact Erika Hulse, Children and Family Ministry Director, at erika.hulse@rlcary.org.

Middle School and High School

Youth Ministry News

Thankfully Thankful

As the schedule picks up, activities abound, and the weather and leaves are an ever changing canvas, it is easy to get caught up in all the things that I am juggling and neglect the things that make me thankful. As I sit in my office surrounded by candy and trinkets ready to be handed out at Trunk or Treat, I am so thankful for this church family! I am thankful to my High School Adult Leaders: Leah Robison, Diane Hooper, Lea Webb, and Erika Hulse. I am thankful for my Middle School Adult Leaders: Erin Hostetter, Jenny Beyer, Christa Newcomb. I am thankful for my Connection Café (Sunday School) Helper, Linda Mangino. I am thankful for this church family that overwhelmingly supports our children and youth alike. I am thankful for the families and youth that show up to serve, to learn, to play, to build the team and build their faith. I am thankful for God having his hand right here on RLC and this community of believers. Thankfully thankful for this busy November schedule and the faith building it brings.



Youth Sunday is Happening! Sunday, November 19 from 11:00-12:00 pm

The youth will be in all aspects of the 11:00 am worship. I would like to flood this service with as many youth volunteers as possible, sharing testimonies, music, reading, greeting, etc. This is open to all 6th-12th grades.

Not your jam to lead? That's ok. We need worshippers as well. Come and support your fellow youth. Hear about the ways Jesus is at work within the youth programs at RLC.

Decorate the Church for Christmas! Sunday, November 26 from 12:30-3:00 pm

We will be having a pizza lunch, decorating the church for Christmas, and playing youth group games and having fun after the work is done. This is open to all 6th-12th grade youth.

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

Fundraiser

A festive poster for a fundraiser event. The background is a white wooden surface decorated with pine branches, white snowflake cutouts, and warm white string lights. A red five-pointed star is centered at the bottom. The text is as follows:

DECEMBER 1, 2023

Parents' Night Out

Children ages 3 years old (potty trained) to 5th graders are invited to eat dinner (taco bar), watch a movie, make crafts and play games with our youth and adult volunteers. This is a fundraiser for the RLC Youth Mission Trip. The cost is \$15 per child - if you feel led to, you may donate additional funds for the mission trip. An email will be sent to parents after sign up asking you to complete a medical wavier if your child does not have one on file. Reservations for this event close November 24, 2023.

If you have any questions, please email erika.hulse@rlcary.org or jenny.piontek@rlcary.org

Register Here: <http://bit.ly/3Q1SweN>



**Resurrection Lutheran
Preschool**

Diane Hooper, Director

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Preschool Punchlines

When there are multiple first names in a class, initials of last names are used. Families often use nicknames also.

We have two Sams in a 3-year-old class. One Sam's grandpa has always called him "Sam O."

Sam tells his mom, "Grandpa was always right calling me 'Sam O'!"

Miss Erin brought in her baby chicks for the kids to see. One 4-year-old boy peeks over the container, looking at the chicks. He starts telling Miss Jodi about them.

"That is their food. There is their drink. Then they will lay eggs. When they grow up, they will become food."

The circle of life explained by a 4-year-old!

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Please join us for the RLS Christmas Program which promises to be festive and heartwarming. Every one of our students, Junior Kindergarten-8th Grade, will be participating in this program.

Middle school students will bring the program to a magnificent close with a performance of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever." Whether acting in the drama, showcasing their musical talents, singing in the choir, or contributing their artistic talents to set design, each middle school student will have a vital role in the production.

But the excitement doesn't stop there! The JK-5th grade students will also have varying roles in the program leading up to the drama.

Please mark your calendars for the evening of **December 14 at 6:30 pm**. We encourage you to invite your family and friends to this special Christmas Program, as it's a perfect opportunity for our school community to come together and celebrate the birth of our Savior.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November 10 No School - Veteran's Day

November 22-24 No School - Thanksgiving Break

November 27-December 1 Scholastic Book Fair



Resurrection Lutheran School

Robin Hester
Principal

Rosie Creasy
Director of Admissions/
School Growth

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One Heart, One Mind

Make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

Philippians 2:2 NIV

Mission:

Resurrection Lutheran School is committed to educating generations of children in the training and instruction of the Lord. Because of this commitment, we will provide a Lutheran educational experience that is Christ-centered, as well as academically focused for children in junior kindergarten through eighth grade.

RESURRECTION LUTHERAN SCHOOL
JR K-8TH GRADE

"School feels like family!"
RLS Parent

KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP
NOVEMBER 16 @ 1 PM

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- Christ-Centered ✓
- Academically Focused ✓
- Dually Accredited ✓
- STEM Integrated ✓
- Family Oriented ✓

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LIVE STREAM

Join us online for worship live
Sundays at 8:00 am and 11:00 am!

Connect through our YouTube channel at
youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC

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

Missed the live service?

Watch the worship services
on our YouTube channel at any time.



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Rev. Dr. Jonathan Blanke, Senior Pastor
Rev. Zachery Sarrault, Associate Pastor
Rev. Alan Shaw, Assistant Pastor

GIVING

We appreciate your contributions to our congregation.
Here are the different ways to make your offering:

- Place in offering plate during worship
- Mail to 100 Lochmere Drive West, Cary NC 27518
- Online through our church website at rlcary.org/ministries/online-giving
- Download the Vanco Mobile app to transfer funds from your account

Questions? Contact finance@rlcary.org.

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