

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024



Pastor's Corner for April 28-May 4, 2024

Know Love, No Fear

(1 John 4:1-21)

What are you afraid of? It's a big question, one that seems to get scarier with age. When we were younger, we often responded with items. One can be afraid of spiders, cockroaches (ok, those are always scary!), the dark, heights, sharks, etc. but as we grow up our fears become a little more concrete. They're fears you might not be able to see but that doesn't make them any less real. We fear the future and all the unknowns that may bring. We fear for our kids and grandkids and the unknown of their lives. We fear the government for any number of reasons. We fear the future of the church. We fear the reality of the devil's work in this world.

Our fears can be overwhelming. If we sit down and think about it, which we would rather not do, but the apostle John comes to us with an encouraging word, "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear" (v. 18). What is this perfect love? How can it throw out, get rid of our fear? This perfect love is the presence of God living within us. Because "God is love" (v. 8) He has to be the perfection of that love. As we abide with God and God with us (v. 16) His love is also with us. Wherever the love of God abides, there is no room for fear to reside. It is thrown out, cast away, dispersed from our very presence.

This can be hard to feel since we still live in a sinful world. We still know what fear feels and looks like. Throughout His letter, the apostle John calls his hearers "little children" (v. 4). How does a little child react to fear? From what I've witnessed in my short time as a dad, a child is most fearless when they're with their parents at home.

Sophia is a fearless little child at the house. One of her activities that causes me the most fear is when she runs on the couch. She climbs up there all on her own, not to snuggle, but to wildly run up and down our wraparound couch, making the turns with the recklessness of a NASCAR driver! Watching her little body twist and turn, wobbling back and forth, at a speed and joy I only wish I could attain, makes me worried she's going to fall off the couch and hurt herself! But is she afraid?? Not even a little bit. I may wish she had a little fear, but she doesn't. Why is she not afraid? Because she knows that mom and dad are there to catch her if she falls, as we do at times.

It is the job of a parent to catch their children, make them feel safe, and love them with all their might. That is the job of our Father God. His love is so great, so perfected, that He will always catch us, hold us, forgive us, and grace us into His presence. He lives with us all the way into eternity where we will no longer know fear.

Now if you will excuse me, Sophia is climbing the couch!

Your fearless brother in Christ,
Pastor Zach Sarrault

Looking ahead...

Next Sunday, May 5 is Confirmation Sunday. There will be no Sunday School, adult and youth. Also, we will only be live streaming the 9:30 am Confirmation worship service.

Prayers of the Church

Operation Inasmuch

Saturday, April 27 from 8:00 am-12:00 pm

During this annual event, we gather to provide numerous acts of service for our church, community, and country. We begin with breakfast in the Family Life Center at 8:00 am, and most activities will be completed by noon.

There will be many opportunities available for all ages to participate. Nursery care provided. Some of the activities will be at RLC and others off-site.

This year, activities include Habitat for Humanity, RLC landscaping, Project Linus, card making, quilting, sewing and knitting, Miracle League, Designed for Joy, and much more.

Still time to register! You may use the link below, click through our website (rlcary.org), or use the paper forms available in the Narthex and Family Life Center.

Sign Up: signup.com/go/BiHgQLo

Questions? Contact Jan Boyer or the church office (office@rlcary.org, 919-851-7248).



Saturday, April 27

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.



LBW

LUTHERAN BRAILLE WORKERS

This weekend at all services, we will have a Temple Talk from Lutheran Braille Workers' Brooke Pernice. Please extend a warm welcome to her!

Brooke has travelled from St. Louis to talk to us about all the amazing things Lutheran Braille Workers are doing to help visually impaired and blind people.

She is also attending the Food and Fellowship for the Blind dinner on Friday, April 26. And is looking forward to meeting and talking to our guests!

For more information about Lutheran Braille Workers, lbwloveworks.org. To learn

more about RLC's Blind Ministry, contact Annette Langefeld-Kennedy or the church office (office@rlcary.org, 919-851-7248).



**Sunday Morning
Adult Christian Education**

Metaphors and the Figurative Language of the Bible

Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am

April 7-May 19

Fellowship Hall

Language is one of the most remarkable gifts that God has given us. The Bible makes extensive use of both literal and figurative language. If God is revealing only truth to us, why did He not speak simply in plain, straightforward language?

This series of classes will identify many of the prominent metaphors found in Scripture and demonstrate the benefits that figurative language offers compared to more basic wording. Understanding the structure and the multi-layered meanings of these metaphors will expand our appreciation of God's revelation and deepen our

understanding of His all-embracing love for us.

In the process, we will compare and contrast how the Bible's use of metaphors compares and contrasts with their function in poetry and in everyday speech. Led by Larry Cameron. Handouts will be distributed at the start of each session; no other books are required.



Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday

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Contact: Larry Cameron

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Training to Become a Stephen Minister

Sundays, 2:00-4:00 pm in Room 151, Family Life Center

February 25-June 30

Contacts: Pastor Alan Shaw, Jan Boyer, Sue Campau

Stephen Ministry is the one-to-one lay caring ministry that takes place in congregations that use the Stephen Series system. Congregations equip and empower lay caregivers, Stephen Ministers, to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting.

Monday

Monday Night Women's Bible Study

Measured by Grace: How God Defines Success by Sharla Fritz

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

Ongoing - Contact: Jamee Thieme

In the Bible, you'll find no lack of sinfulness, shortcomings, rejections, and broken people. People like Joseph, Rahab, David, Jeremiah, John the Baptist, The Samaritan Woman, Peter, and Paul. We see them as people God transformed, turning their lack into faithfulness for His good. Study these eight biblical figures to see that God does the same for you.

Men's Weekly

Nurturing Your Faith: Patient Urgency

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

Ongoing - Contact: Tom Gebbia

Current study is *Nurturing Your Faith: Patient Urgency* by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. When we share Jesus with others, we're eager-urgent even-to speak the

Good News. However, we do understand the need for patience in how others receive the Gospel in their lives. In *Nurturing Your Faith: Patient Urgency*, we will learn via Mark's Gospel about a map, a means, and a model for having healthy spiritual conversations with others.

Tuesday

Tuesday Morning Bible Study and Fellowship

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

Ongoing - Contacts: Pastor Jonathan Blanke, Pastor Zach Sarrault

We will look at the appointed readings from each week that are used in the weekend sermons.

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

To download the Christian Education Winter 2024, Block 2 Sheet, [click here](#). Paper copies are available at the Information Centers in the Narthex and Family Life Center Lobby.

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

The Lord is their shepherd; they shall not want.

Because of the generosity of Resurrection people, inmates will come to know Him as their shepherd.

This past weekend, \$972 was given, so that Prison Alliance can place a Bible in the hands of 194 inmates in U.S. prisons. Their #1 request is to have a Bible, and you

made this possible. ([Click here for the video from the Temple Talk](#))

There still is an opportunity to contribute and enable Prison Alliance to reach its goal of providing 20,000 Bibles by June 30. This weekend, there will be containers by the doors at all services to buy more Bibles. They are only \$5 each, so you may consider giving more than one to help the incarcerated dwell in the house of the Lord... forever.



Ladies Fellowship Luncheon

Wednesday, May 1
at 12:00 pm

IHOP
1301 Kildaire Farm Road, Cary

RSVP through RCB Group
or Church Office



Questions? Contact Mindy Stephani
or the church office (office@rlcary.org, 919-851-7248).

The Coffeehouse for Special Needs Adults

Friday, May 10

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/3kqoHGN

The next Coffeehouse is **Friday, May 10** from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Family Life Center gym. We will have *Nick's Brass Band* play for us (a band from Travis Taylor, son of Ron and Marie Taylor)!

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





Questions? Contact Tom Gebbia at mens-ministry@rlcary.org or the church office (office@rlcary.org, 919-851-7248).

Ambassadors of Reconciliation

Ambassadors of Reconciliation (AoR) is hosting a local in-person event (Regional Reception) for the Eastern Region. AoR is committed to help Christians and their churches live lifestyles of reconciliation by the power of the Gospel through the “ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself... and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

This short, but impactful event is held over a 24-hour period over 2 days. It promotes a time of fellowship with like-minded people, an opportunity to network and growing together over meals, main sessions and casual conversations. Longer workshops cover a variety of topics and help to answer some of the most relevant questions about relationships.

Come join us on **June 7-8** at Resurrection and walk away improving your own personal relationships for the unity of the Body and the testimony of Christ.

REGIONAL RECEPTION

June 7-8, 2024
Resurrection Lutheran Church – Cary, NC

Learn how to live a lifestyle of reconciliation in your family, church, and community

Start at 1:00 pm on Friday and end at 12:00 pm on Saturday.

Schedule features four workshops, dinner with keynote speaker, and breakfast with keynote speaker.

\$89 for individuals and \$149 for couples



For tickets, schedule, and more details, visit aorhope.org/regional.

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 (office@rlcary.org, 919-851-7248) for assistance.

April 2024 Children and Family Ministry News

Family Service Project
Adopt a planter at church with your family. You choose plants and pot them in the existing pots and provide monthly visits to ensure health and growth!
More info here: 
SCAN ME

VPS Volunteers
There will be 2 identical volunteer training meetings! You get to pick one! Either Thursday, May 30th, at 7 pm in the church Fellowship Hall or Sunday, June 2nd, at noon in the FLC room 240. Look for more details in an email from Erika. We still need volunteers and would love to have you join the team!!

Wednesday Nights
Kidz Live (Pre-K- 5th) resumes every Wednesday along with KICKS (3rd -5th grade) the first Wednesday of the month.

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

For more information email Erika at erika.hulse@rlcary.org

The graphic features a light blue sky with clouds, a green grassy hill with colorful flowers, a pink cherry blossom tree, and a colorful kite flying in the sky. Illustrations of three children (two girls and one boy) are running happily on the grass.

Moms Together

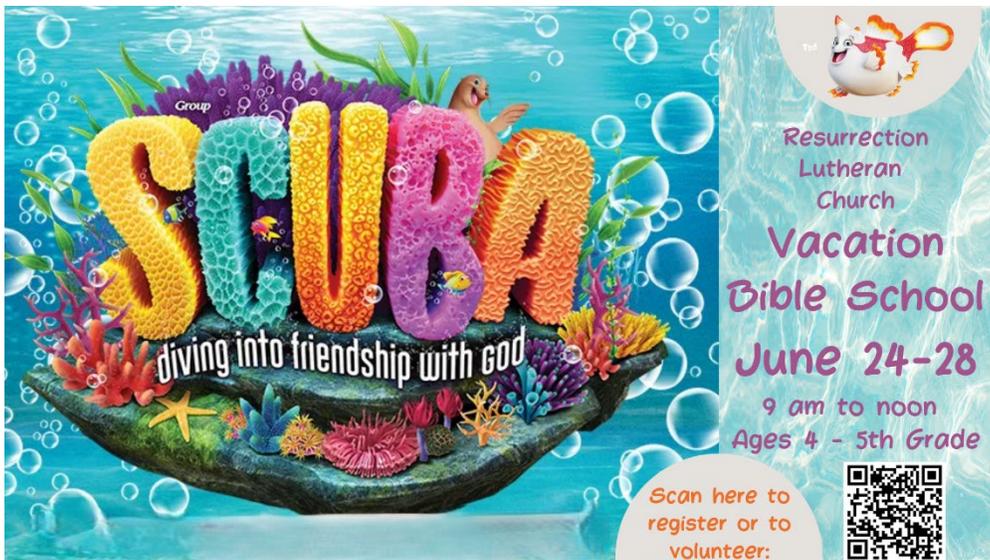
Moms, you are invited to join other moms for daytime get togethers to socialize, share tips, make new friends, and work on crafts/projects.

Childcare is available for a small fee.

We also meet for evening activities occasionally.



For dates and to sign up: <https://bit.ly/3ZVhyB8>



[Register today!](#)

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

Youth Ministry

Middle School and High School

Here's what is going on...

- **Connection Cafe** (Sunday School for Middle and High School)
Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am
- **Middle School: Ignite Youth Group**
Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm



- **High School: Breakaway Youth Group**
Sundays, 6:30-8:00 pm



- **Service Event: Operation Inasmuch**
 Saturday, April 27
 This is a church-wide day of service. There will be many opportunities for youth to get involved and serve. It is a great day!

RLC YOUTH
 April Schedule

Special Event:
Mother/Daughter Tea
 April 6 @ 11:30am
 All Girls and Moms welcome

Sunday School:
 April 7, 14, 21, 28
 9:30 - 10:30am
 for all 6th - 12th graders

Service Opportunity:
Operation Inasmuch
 Church wide service projects
 April 27
 8am - 12pm

Middle School Youth Group:
 April 3, 10, 17, 24

High School Youth Group:
 April 7, 14, 21, 28

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

Resurrection Lutheran Preschool

Now Enrolling for the 2024-25 preschool year!

We offer classes for children, 2-years-old through 5-years-old.

Our program provides a balance of social and academic opportunities by means of 'learning through play' in a loving Christian atmosphere.

Register for Summer Camps!

Open to 3-year-olds to Rising Kindergarteners. Children in our 2's classes currently can attend. All ages must be toilet trained.

June 3-6, 9:15 am-12:30 pm

June 10-13, 9:15 am-12:30 pm

June 17-20, 9:15 am-12:30 pm

June 24-28 ~ RLC VBS

Neighbors, friends, and family welcome!

rlpcary.org | 919-851-7270 | office@rlpcary.org

Resurrection Lutheran School

The Fourth Grade class was approved through the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences to be a part of the Cretaceous Creatures Program. Students will work with real fossils from Montana as part of this week long module!



rlscary.org
Junior Kindergarten-8th Grade

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

Latest Lion's Tale

Responding to the Baltimore Bridge Collapse

On Tuesday, March 26, 2024, a cargo vessel collided with a support column of the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore MD causing it to collapse. Almost 32,000 cars per day traveled the 1.6 miles of this bridge which was part of the 695 Beltway.

We pray for God's mercy and comfort to surround the families of those who were on the bridge. It is a time of deep grief for each of them.

There are response efforts taking place in several different ways. If you are moved to assist, you may help with the items needed or contribute to the SED (online or via postal system). All funds received will go to assist Baltimore Bridge Recovery.

For more information, [Responding to the Baltimore Bridge Collapse - Southeastern District, LCMS](#).



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

Attendance and Giving

In-Person Worship Attendance

Saturday, April 20
6:00 pm - 48

Sunday, April 21
8:00 am - 80

9:30 am - 156
11:00 am - 118

Total In-Person Worship: 402

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel

Sunday, April 21
8:00 am - 122
11:00 am - 56

Total Online Views: 178 views

General Fund Giving and Spending - March 2024

	Current Month	Year to Date
General Receipts	\$ 141,106.18	\$ 1,068,790.28
Total Disbursements	<u>\$ 122,726.75</u>	<u>\$ 1,055,930.16</u>
Receipts Less Disbursements	\$ 18,379.43	\$ 12,860.12

This Week's Offerings: \$28,668.15

Average Weekly Giving for 2023/24: \$26,719.75

Average Weekly Giving Budgeted for 2023/24: \$27,761.30

We are grateful for all who are able to maintain financial contributions to our congregation! There are four ways to make your offering:

- Place in offering plate during the worship service
- Mail to Resurrection Lutheran Church, 100 Lochmere Drive West, Cary, NC 27518
- Online Giving through rlcary.org/ministries/online-giving
- Download the Vanco Mobile app, Search for Resurrection Lutheran Church

Questions? Contact finance@rlcary.org.

Church Calendar



100 Lochmere Drive West, Cary NC 27518

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Prayers of the Church – April 28, 2024

*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, *Eve Sommers, *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, Peter Kuo, *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, *Bill Xenakis, Jimmy Ketner, Hope Mackelprang, Melissa Huntsman, Sue, Kathy, Pamm Haley, Bob, Michael Murphy, *Greta Nelson, *Marina de Moura Torres, Paul Wozniak, Carol Stano, Ames, Doug Gill, Emily

For Expectant Moms

Hannah Peterson, Analissa Vasquez, Sara Phillips, Ally Brown

Those Prayed for on April 21, 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
- Camp Agape Golf Tournament on April 8, Great Participation and Great Fundraising Results
- Pastor Daniel Pugh, Installed as Senior Pastor, Christ the King Lutheran Church, Cary
- Birth of Baby Micah, Grandson of *Roberta and *Mike Danilowicz

For Healing

- *Kim Goss
- All Those Exposed to COVID, with COVID, and Recovering from COVID
- Blind Ministry Guests - Maria Barker, Sheila McNair, Linda Jones, Desiree, Jeff Barker
- *Greta Nelson
- Patricia Wellington, Chemo Treatments
- Pastor William Otto, Cancer Treatment and Surgery

- Bruce, Brother of *Ralph Klevenow
- *Pam Dickson
- *Stephanie Ford
- Jimmy, Cancer Treatment
- Emily, Cancer Treatment
- Imma, Progress in Therapy
- Betty, Memory Issues
- *Vern Ebert
- *Mindy Stephani, Therapy at Home
- Doug Gill, Cancer Treatment
- *Helen Campbell
- Joan Gresens, Mother of *Phil Gresens
- Terrie Johnson, Mother of *Jen Kirby
- Avery Stevenson, Recovery
- MaKenzie, Recovery
- Talia, Granddaughter of *David and *Lois Birner
- Riva, John, Danny, Christine, Carla, Bob, Patricia, Dick, Donna, Jan, Dean, Tony, Gene, Lois, Doug, Imma, Alice, Paul, Maurice, Caroline, Olive, Megan, Taylor, Tom, Josh, Ken, Harold, Steve, Jason, Katy

For Comfort

- Friends and Family of Millie Hiteshew, Mother of *Tim Hiteshew
- Friends and Family of Hope Studt, Mother of *Julie Easton
- Friends and Family of Marvin Thompson, Neighbor of *Alan Sullivan

For Provision, Peace, Strength, and Patient Endurance

- Persecuted Christians
- People Around the World Affected by Natural Disasters
- People of Ukraine, and All Those Who Serve to Support Them
- People of Israel and the People of Gaza, Peace in the Middle East
- All Those Supporting Family Members with Caregiving Needs
- Annie Ruth Ford, Mother of *Dennis Ford
- *Eric and *Jill Hammergren
- *Jan and Paul Wozniak
- Jan and Rich Bloom, Care Decisions
- *Ginny and *Ed Koren
- Sue Sanders and the *Boyer Family
- *Eve Sommers, Continued Recovery
- *Meredith A.
- Those Enduring Marriage Struggles and Families in Turmoil
- Those Seeking Jobs and Career Changes
- Victims, Families, and Communities Suffering with Gun Violence
- Baby Adian (Terminal Cancer) and His Family
- Richard and Rosemary Staley, and *Brenda Peterson's Family
- Sara, Discernment About a Possible Move
- Grandson Jackson Safely Back from Sudan

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
- Resurrection Lutheran Church and Schools Staff
- Area Pastors and Schools Staff
- Our Stephen Ministers

For Our Missionaries

- *Mark and *Megan Mantey, Kenya
[Click here for the Mantey's Newsletter!](#)
- JP and Aimee Cima, Cambodia
[Click here for the Cima Family Newsletter!](#)
- Shauen and Krista Trump, Kenya
[Click here for the Trump's Newsletter!](#)

*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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