



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

MAY 2025

From the Pastor

“Come and Have Breakfast”

(John 21:1-14)

One of the best signs I ever saw was at a breakfast place in Fuquay-Varina called “Eggs Up Grill.” It was a long and thin horizontal sign, with white or beige-colored lettering on a dark-background. It read, “Jesus said, ‘Come and have breakfast.’” I had to look it up to see whether these were actual words of Jesus. And of course, they were! My first thought was to buy another sign like it and gift it to our RLC men’s group. (Alas, the company who manufactures the sign no longer makes them!) But just seeing that sign got me to imagine what it would be like to eat a meal prepared by Jesus from fish He had just shown me



how to catch. Wow. It’s just like Jesus to not only supply the “fish” that “fishers of people” (see Matt. 4:19) set out to catch. He also satisfies the yearnings of our hearts as we engage in that task together, share in the joy of the “catch” together, and discover what it means to be followers of the

One who said, “my food is to do the will of the One who sent Me.” How easy it would be to tire of that task — or get discouraged when we fail — should we ever fish alone! What joy to engage in the mission together — and at our loving Lord’s invitation!

Recently RLC staff and Church Council members gathered to discuss how we can more effectively fish for people as one team. Together we found four areas of focus for 2025-2026 that we will be working to develop SMART goals for and evaluate performance in:



- Dates of Interest:**
- Bagel Bunch/Java Jive..May 6
 - RLS Stem/Art Night.....May 6
 - Ladies Lunch.....May 7
 - Coffeehouse.....May 9
 - Combined Breakfast..May 10
 - Mother’s Day.....May 11
 - RLS Wizard of Oz.....May 16
 - Youth Water Day.....May 18
 - RLS Graduations.....May 21
 - Memorial Day.....May 26
 - Blind Ministry.....May 30

Sunday Morning Bible Study

The Pastoral Epistles: Paul's Last Letters

Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am
Fellowship Hall

March 30-May 18

The apostle Paul labored ceaselessly for thirty years to spread the Christian gospel. He established churches in Roman cities and provinces throughout the region. Realizing that his ministry was drawing to a close, he knew that he must assign qualified leaders to oversee these congregations. Paul selected Timothy and Titus, two young men who had traveled and faithfully ministered with him.

In his last years, Paul wrote letters to these dedicated Christian workers to provide them with instructions regarding pastoral oversight for the churches. He would identify the types of persons who would qualify for church leadership and establish their key responsibilities.

As we conduct an expository reading through these epistles, we will hear Paul's voice giving both instruction and encouragement to two of his most reliable assistants men whom he addresses as his "true children."

Bring your Bible.
Led by Larry Cameron.

- 1) Increasing our church's digital footprint: Our church's expansion into the YouTube space for worship has been our primary focus in this area over the last three years. We would like to do more to increase digital engagement with RLC overall. Search engine optimization for our website and social media, as well as more intentional integration of these platforms for real-time updates about church events and service opportunities are just some of the ways we envision this focus bearing fruit.
- 2) More intentional facilitating of Christian discipleship at RLC: God has richly blessed us at RLC to have a dynamic community of newcomers to rub shoulders with during worship and community events! The goal in this endeavor is to do all we can to facilitate God's work of turning on-lookers into active participants! We plan to begin with RLC newcomers and encourage them not only to jump into existing small groups, but also to identify and use any new (for us) skill sets in service to God and neighbor.
- 3) Forming a Crisis Care Committee: This past year (2024-2025) saw the start up of two important new standing committees (Facilities Management Team and Cross-Cultural Mission Engagement Team), as well as a new service-oriented group (Stewardship of Life and Health Team)... all of which facilitate our church's mission of being fishers of people! It would be wonderful to add to that list a Crisis Care Committee that would open the door for more of our RLC community to get personally engaged with the neediest in our respective neighborhoods.
- 4) Better co-ordinating church and school "cross-over" events: Resurrection Lutheran Church and its schools (especially our Pre school and Elementary schools) already do SO much in this area! However, we could certainly do more to get the word out about our award-winning schools and the place they both have in our church's mission roadmap. I can't help but wonder what would happen if more of our RLC members knew what a treasure our schools truly are. And I of course continue to keep any of our school families without a church home in my prayers... that they might, by the grace of God, be led to find that home with us!

I hope this list piques your curiosity. I hope you might even see yourself called to take part in one of these four areas. Do you have special "fishing skills" related to any of them? Might the Lord be calling you to fish in a new location?

However you might answer those questions know that the same One who calls us to be fishers of people will supply our every need. And by the way... I look forward to gathering with you and Jesus over breakfast sometime! (If you're not busy Saturday, May 10 at 8 AM then I just might see you in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast...)

Love in Christ,
Pastor Jonathan

And Knowing is Half the Battle

GI Joe – the “great American Hero” – is an icon from 1980’s children’s cartoon television. I admit, I did not follow the show that closely, but I think everyone remembers the theme song. And if you watched the show, you may also remember the public service announcements that were shown at the end. They usually involve kids about to do something they shouldn’t, like get into a car with a stranger or run onto cracking ice to help a friend who was trapped on a pond (“yes”, I streamed about 7 examples on YouTube to refamiliarize myself with them). The “Joe” always saved them and told them what they should do next time it happens. The kids always said, “Now we know” and the “Joe” always said – say it with me – “And knowing is half the battle.”



In today's fast-paced world, it's easy to feel overwhelmed by the pressures and challenges that life throws our way. Whether it's personal struggles, work-related stress, or unexpected crises, knowing where to turn for support can make a significant difference in how we navigate tough times.

Being aware of the support resources available to you is crucial. It can be the difference between feeling isolated and finding the help you need to overcome your challenges. But sometimes, we don't know what those resources are, or we may feel too overwhelmed to think about which resource to use or maybe we don't want to seem like we're burdening someone else by asking for help.

That's where your Stephen Ministry team can be a useful point of contact for you. Stephen Ministers are trained to recognize when the scope of need is beyond their ability to assist. At those times, they can recommend various other resources to you and even help you contact that resource as a first step. If the Stephen Minister does not know where to turn either, then we help you find out while maintaining confidentiality to your specific circumstance.

If you or someone you know is struggling, don't hesitate to reach out to the Stephen Ministry program. They are there to help, and you don't need to be a member of Resurrection church to receive support. Now you know... and knowing is half the battle.

[To learn more about Stephen Ministry at RLC, click here.](#) If you or someone you know who could use a listening partner, consider emailing the Stephen Leader team at stephenministry@rlcary.org and ask about how to make a referral to a Stephen Minister.



Adult Christian Education

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities



Monday

Monday Night Women's Bible Study

Meant for Good by Donna Snow

Mondays, 7:00-8:00 pm

Room 151, Family Life Center, and Online via Zoom

Ongoing until May 19

Jamee Thieme, Sharon Hahne, Dawn Leister

Men's Weekly Study and Fellowship

Various Topics

Mondays, 7:00-8:15 pm

Room 240, Family Life Center

May 5-19

Tom Gebbia

Tuesday

Tuesday Morning Bible Study and Fellowship

Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 am

Fellowship Hall

Ongoing until May 20

Pastor Jonathan Blanke, Pastor Zach Sarrault, and Pastor Alan Shaw

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

Cross Cultural Mission Engagement Team

Mission Minute

The Cross Cultural Mission Engagement Team (CCMET) at Resurrection Lutheran Church granted a second Mission Grant. Ilea Kuo received funding for her upcoming mission trip to Southeast Asia from May 20-July 12. Ilea will be traveling with fellow college students from Louisiana to college campuses abroad to spread the Gospel. [Ilea shared a video about her upcoming trip](#) in all worship services the weekend of April 26.

She is eager to share her experience with the congregation upon her return. Please join us in keeping Ilea and her mission team in your prayers.

The CCMET continues to accept grant requests. To request a form, email ccmet@rlcary.org.



Spiritual Milestones

First Communion



First Communicants 2025

<u>Name</u>	<u>Baptismal Birthday</u>
Emily Jordan Alladin	July 3, 2022
Heath Davis	
Avery Michelle Denault	December 8, 2013
Elle Louise Ferguson	September 29, 2013
Caio Torres Kesler Fuller	November 20, 2022
Case Matthew Justice	January 19, 2014
Liam Xenakis Measmer	March 16, 2014
Abel Ryan Newcomb	March 1, 2015
Mark Thomas Robison	January 19, 2014
Austin Reid Smith	April 6, 2014
Sophia Touch	
Temperance Reagan York	February 7, 2014

Welcome to the Lord's Table!

Gifts & Memorials

To the Music Ministry

In Memory of Paul Wozniak

Keith and Yvonne Braswell

Keith and Dawn Leister

Bruce Kennedy and

Annette Langefeld-Kennedy

Meta Linde

Gail Reilly



**Combined Breakfast
(Men & Women)**

**Saturday, May 10
8:00 am
Fellowship Hall**

Come gather for the **Pastor's Forum**, plus fellowship, food, and message.

All welcome!

Contact Tom Gebbia at mens-ministry@rlcary.org for more information.

Time and Talent

Joyfully Serving Jesus Together

We encourage you to find areas of interest that best suit your natural gifts, and join us as we reach out with the love of Christ, by grace, through faith, for service.

Many opportunities are available in the ministries of Adult Education, Connections & Fellowship, Care, Children and Family, Leadership, Music, Operational Support, RLC-Affiliated Schools, Service to the Community, Worship Support, and Youth. For the descriptions of all the serving opportunities available at RLC, see [Time and Talent \(rlcary.org\)](http://Time and Talent (rlcary.org)).

Please use the Time and Talent paper forms in the Narthex and Family Life Center to select your servant choice.

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

Graduating?

Please contact the church office with high school and college graduate information by Tuesday, May 26. We will highlight our graduates in the June newsletter.

We request the graduate's name, school graduating from, and any future plans. Email susan.moore@rlcary.org or call 919-851-7248, ext. 33.

High School Graduates

Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, June 8**. We will be recognizing our high school graduates during the 11:00 am worship service.

WEDNESDAYS

at One

A MONTHLY SERIES OF
SPEAKERS AND EVENTS
WITH LUNCH



Grace Lutheran Church, Durham
824 N Buchanan Blvd

MAY | 14th | 1:00PM

Beatrice's life's mission is to create moments of joy.
She embraces the meaning of her name:
one who brings joy, happiness and blessings.

AGAPÉ + KURE BEACH MINISTRIES
GOLF
Outing
JOIN US MAY 19TH
AT LOCHMERE GOLF CLUB



**HELP SEND KIDS
TO CAMP!**

**SUPPORT CAMPSHIP FUNDS
& PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT!**



REGISTER TODAY!
bit.ly/3SQwLS5

Happy Anniversary!

May 8

Jay and Rebecca Indla
25 years

Leo and Char Magiera
60 years

May 10

Steve and Sandy Carpenter
56 years

May 11

Clinton and Patricia Peterson
57 years

May 16

Douglas and Kari Hayden
10 years

May 17

Mike and Sharon Hahne
50 years

May 18

Don and Bernice Sonstroem
62 years

May 19

Ron and Marie Taylor
25 years

May 23

Fran and Kathy Blanchard
50 years

May 26

Robert and Diane Hoffmeister
35 years

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Sunday School

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

May 4

Lesson - The Proof

May 11 - Mother's Day

Lesson - Families

May 18

Last Sunday School Celebration!

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who donated Easter eggs and/or candy to the Eggstravaganza!

It was an amazing event. We are thankful for your generosity.



RLC Day of Service



Mid-week Lent Service



Eggstravaganza



Family Night - Kidz Live

Easter Eggstravaganza 2025



Thank you Pint Sized Pasture!!



Vacation Bible School

Guide kids on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. As kids trek the tundra, they'll explore how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. Pointing them toward Jesus, True North VBS shows them that he is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North! **Join us on June 23-27 from 9:00 am-12:00 pm!**

[Register today!](#) Cost is \$10 per participant. Payments can be made through [Online Giving](#) or by cash/check to the church office.



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

Up in the Warehouse, in a far away land.... oops wrong story. The RLC Youth (High School, specifically) have the ability to leave their mark on a brick. Freshman youth (or whenever they join the group) will claim their brick by painting it a favorite color or design, then each year they add something to their brick. We have everything from art masterpieces, to confirmation verses, to encouraging thoughts, to tributes of things they want to remember about their time at RLC or that made an impact on them. Of course, at the center of it all is our cross. Our symbol that Christ is with everyone who has already graced that wall, those that are here right now and those to come. It's a beautiful story of how God has worked, is working, and will work in the lives of our youth here at RLC.



Middle School Youth:
Water Day
May 18
3 - 4:15pm

RLC Youth
May 2025

Sunday School:
May 4, 11, 18
9:30 - 10:30am

High School Youth
Youth Group: May 4 (ONLY)
5:00 - 6:30pm
Water Day: May 18
4:30 - 6:00pm

Middle School
3:00 - 4:15pm

RLC
YOUTH

Water Day
May 18

Water slide,
water games,
food & fun!

High School
4:30 - 6:00pm

Proverbs 27:19 "As water reflects a face,
so a man's heart reflects the man."

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



**Help kids discover God's love!
Volunteer for VBS!**

Register to
volunteer here:

vbspro.events/p/6557e9

Spotlight Volunteer Opportunities:

Crew Leader - leads a small group of children to stations - form a relationship with the crew!

Sticky Scripture Leader - lead 4 identical Sticky Scripture sessions each day for the crews.

Two volunteer meetings to bond, learn and pray - choose 1 - either June 5 at 7 pm OR June 8 noon - room 151
If you are only able to volunteer a few days that is ok! You are needed!

[Register now!](#)



**Resurrection Lutheran
Preschool**

Diane Hooper, Director

rlpcary.org

919-851-7270

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**Enrollment for
2025-26**

at Resurrection Lutheran
PRESCHOOL

+ Classes for children

2-years-old thru 5-years-old +

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

Class openings are currently available for the
2024-25 preschool year.

**Mark your calendar
for Summer Camp!**

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 am-12:30 pm

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

June 16-19, 9:15 am-12:30 pm

RLC VBS ~ June 23-27

Neighbors, friends, and family
welcome!

Email for registration form.

STEM NEWS

STEM and Art Night is fast approaching - **Tuesday, May 6 from 6:00-7:30 pm!** We hope that your family will make plans to be there. Our students have worked extremely hard during this school year to create amazing STEM projects and creative artwork.

We are also excited to say that the Makerspace has a new addition. It is a Bambu Lab 3D Printer! We cannot wait to see all of the 3D creations this year and next. The 4th graders designed 3D crosses that you may notice around the school. How grateful we are with all of the resources we have!

PARENT SCHOOL ORGANIZATION (PSO)

Field day is less than 40 days away. Mark your calendar for **Thursday, May 22 from 8:30 am-1:00 pm** at Ritter Park. Make plans to take the day off and spend it with your kiddo and their classmates! A full sign-up will be sent out closer to the date.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 30-May 2	8th Grade Trip to Williamsburg
May 5-9	Teacher Appreciation Week, Sponsored by the PSO
May 6	Last Day to Claim Current Lost & Found Items
May 6	STEM and ART Night
May 14-16, 19-21	MAP TESTING
May 15	Math 1 EOC
May 16	Wizard of Oz Play, 6:00 pm (5th-8th Grade)
May 21	Kindergarten Graduation, 1:00 pm 8th Grade Graduation, 6:30 pm
May 22	Field Day
May 23	Last Day of School Join us for our closing Chapel!



Resurrection Lutheran School

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Principal

Rosie Creasy
Director of Admissions/
School Growth

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Choose JOY

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13 NIV

Summer Camps!



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.



stayCONNECTED

WORSHIP

Join us for worship!

Saturday, 6:00 pm

Sunday, 8:00 am*, 9:30 am, and Praise 11:00 am*

*Live Stream Services

Connect through our YouTube channel

[@ResurrectionLutheranCary](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCResurrectionLutheranCary)

or through our website at

rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship



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Rev. Dr. Jonathan Blanke, Senior Pastor

Rev. Zachery Sarrault, Associate Pastor

Rev. Alan Shaw, Assistant Pastor

Christopher Reed, Vicar

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
- Through [Online Giving](#)
- Download the Vanco Mobile app to transfer funds from your account

Questions? Contact finance@rlcary.org.

SOCIAL MEDIA



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Newsletter deadline is the 20th of each month.

Please send submissions to susan.moore@rlcary.org.

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