

Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025



Pastor's Corner for May 4-10, 2025

Who is God? (Acts 9:1-22)

If someone asked you “Who is God?” would you be ready to answer? We should all have an answer ready! As we belong to God, we continually learn who He is. Who should we have an answer ready for? Those that we love, our family and friends, the people that we hope and pray will hear God call them by name. Having an answer ready is not a new thing. When God’s people were getting ready to enter the Promised Land, He made sure they knew how to answer when their kids would ask who God is and what He has done (Deuteronomy 6:20).

Where do we go for an answer? We can look to our own lives and our personal relationship with God. Stories matter! They are a great way to give a witness of

who God is. We also go to the one true source that God has handed us for the soul purpose of knowing Him. The Bible! Andrew Jones, in his book *Ten Questions to Ask Every Time You Read the Bible*, says that asking who God is **“is the overarching question that drives our desire to read the Bible”** and that **“asking this question and discovering more and more of who God reveals Himself to be is at the very center of what it means to be biblically fluent and to follow Jesus.”** Important as it is to have an answer, looking for an answer is of equal value.

This is the exact question Saul asks when Jesus confronts him on his way to Damascus. [Stop reading this and go read Acts 9:1-22 for the full story!] When Jesus blinds Saul with a light from heaven, Saul calls out, “Who are you, Lord?” A good question, maybe asked in fear, after all Saul is on his way to jail those belonging to The Way. But Jesus’ answer is incredible. He doesn’t answer as we may expect. Knowing the story, I would expect Jesus to answer in anger, shouting threats, accusations, and judgements at Saul, causing him to shake in his sandals and weep at his sin. But instead, Jesus says, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.”

How does this answer our question? God, in Jesus, is one who identifies with the pain, fear, and hurt of His people. More than just *knowing* your struggles, He feels them and is with you in the midst of them. The writer of Hebrews reminds us that Jesus is one who can “sympathize with our weaknesses and in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin” (Hebrews 4:15). That is who your God is. In all His power, strength, and might He chooses to identify with the weak, the scared, the hurting, the sinful. He chooses to be with you and me.

Your seeking brother in Christ,
Pastor Zach Sarrault

Prayers of the Church



Flowers Placed on the Sanctuary Altar
Thanking God for 25 years of Marriage
by Jay and Rebecca Indla

Sign up for Altar Flowers in the Sanctuary and Family Life Center.
Click below or call the church office at 919-851-7248.
Flowers are from Cary Florist and cost \$45.

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Joyfully Serving Jesus Together

Time and Talent Weekend

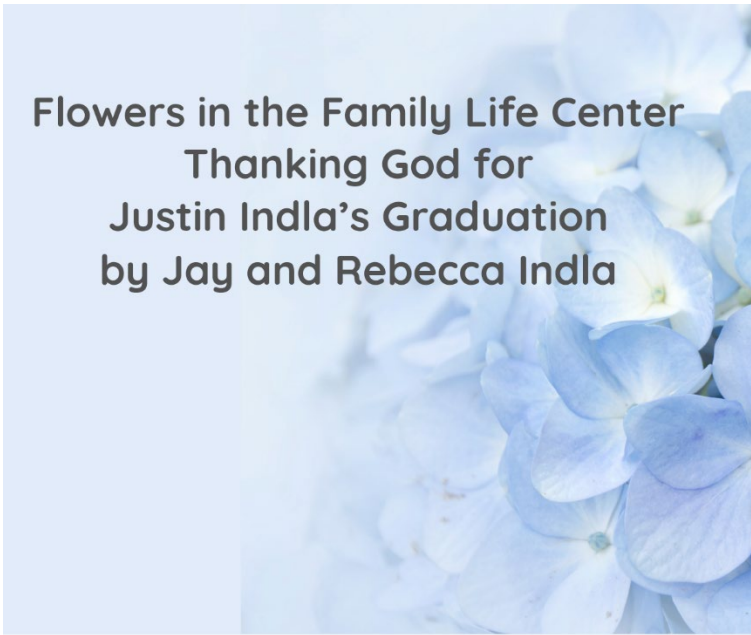
We encourage you to find areas of interest that best suit your natural gifts, and join us as we reach out with the love of Christ, by grace, through faith, for service.



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://rlcary.org).

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

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



**Flowers in the Family Life Center
Thanking God for
Justin Indla's Graduation
by Jay and Rebecca Indla**

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It is with great sadness and in Christian love and hope that we announce that our brother in Christ, **John Healey**, was called to rest with Jesus on April 14. John was a long-time former church member and previously held the position of Congregational President. Our prayers are with his family at this time.

A Celebration of Life in Christ is being planned at Resurrection. Details to follow.

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities

SUNDAY

The Pastoral Epistles: Paul's Last Letters

Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am

Fellowship Hall

March 30-May 18

Larry Cameron

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

January 6-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

Pastor Jonathan Blanke, Pastor Zach Sarrault, Pastor Alan Shaw

Look for detailed class offerings [on our website](#).

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

Prayer Cards

Visual Faith® Ministry has provided prayer cards by the prayer sheets in the Narthex and the Family Life Center.

We invite you to take a few cards home and add prayer notes for your family and friends for whom you are praying.

As you pray for those concerns, color the card, and then send it to the person with a note that says, "You've been in my prayers this week."

If you have questions, please contact Jamee Thieme through RCB.

Bagel Bunch for Men

We meet **Tuesdays, 7:30-9:00 am** for coffee and fellowship. All men are welcome, come when you can!

Starting this Tuesday (May 6) and throughout the warmer months, we will meet again outside of Java Jive (2425 Kildaire Farm Road, Cary, across from RLC).

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



The Next Coffeehouse for Special Needs Adults

Friday, May 9

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/3VAtWW0



The next Coffeehouse is **Friday, May 9** from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Family Life Center Gym. Stephen W. Prins and Olliver Harper Fultz will be singing and playing for us.

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

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.

WEDNESDAYS

at One

A MONTHLY SERIES OF
SPEAKERS AND EVENTS
WITH LUNCH



Guest speaker

**BEATRICE
PARKER**

Bea Well Counseling & Therapy

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 CAMPERSHIP FUNDS
& PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT!**

 **REGISTER TODAY!**
bit.ly/3SQwLS5

Support a great cause while enjoying the fun and fellowship of a day on the Lochmere Golf Club course on **May 19!** Why? Help us bring kids to camp this summer. Funds raised in this Golf Event will be used to provide camperships to attend camp and for program development. It is our policy that no one be turned away from camp programs due to lack of funds.

Our goal is to have 80 golfers. Please help us to reach our goal. Bring some friends for a great day of fun, fellowship and raising funds to make a difference in a camper's life. Please share this information with others and gather a foursome to join us.

Format: 4 Person Scramble

Registration Fee:

Individual: \$100.00

Foursome: \$380.00

12 Team Mulligans: \$400.00

We request that all golfers pay in advance.

Outing Schedule:

8:00 AM Check-in opens

8:00 AM Coffee, Donuts & Biscuits

8:45 AM "Putt for All" Event

9:10 AM Tee Off (Shot gun)

(Boxed lunch served on the course)

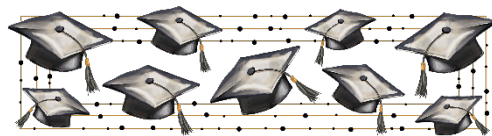
When your round is done, head home!

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

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.

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 at 919-851-7248 or office@rlcary.org for assistance.



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.



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!

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

Calendar

Sunday, May 4

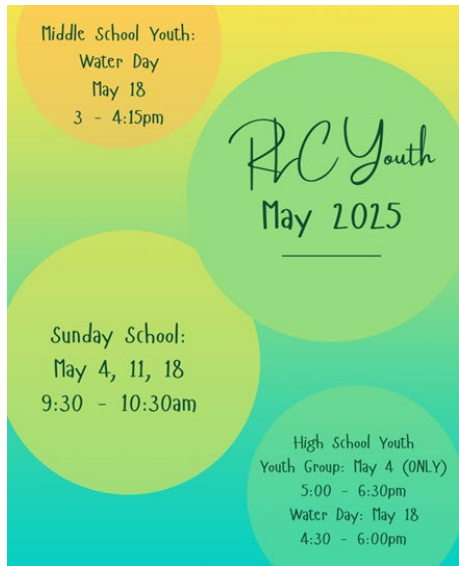
Sunday School, 9:30-10:30 am

High School Youth Group, 5:00-6:30 pm

Sunday, May 18 - Water Day!

Middle School, 3:00-4:15 pm

High School, 4:30-6:00 pm



We meet in The Warehouse (Room 253) or the Gym in the Family Life Center.

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

Resurrection Lutheran Preschool

Enrollment for 2025-26

at Resurrection Lutheran
PRESCHOOL

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

+ Classes for children 2-years-old
thru 5-years-old +



Resurrection Lutheran Preschool

**3-year-olds
to Rising kindergarteners**
(children currently in our 2's classes can come!)
(ALL Ages **MUST** be toilet-trained)

June 2 – 5 [9:15-12:30]

June 9 – 12 [9:15-12:30]

June 16 – 19 [9:15-12:30]

RLChurch VBS June 23-27

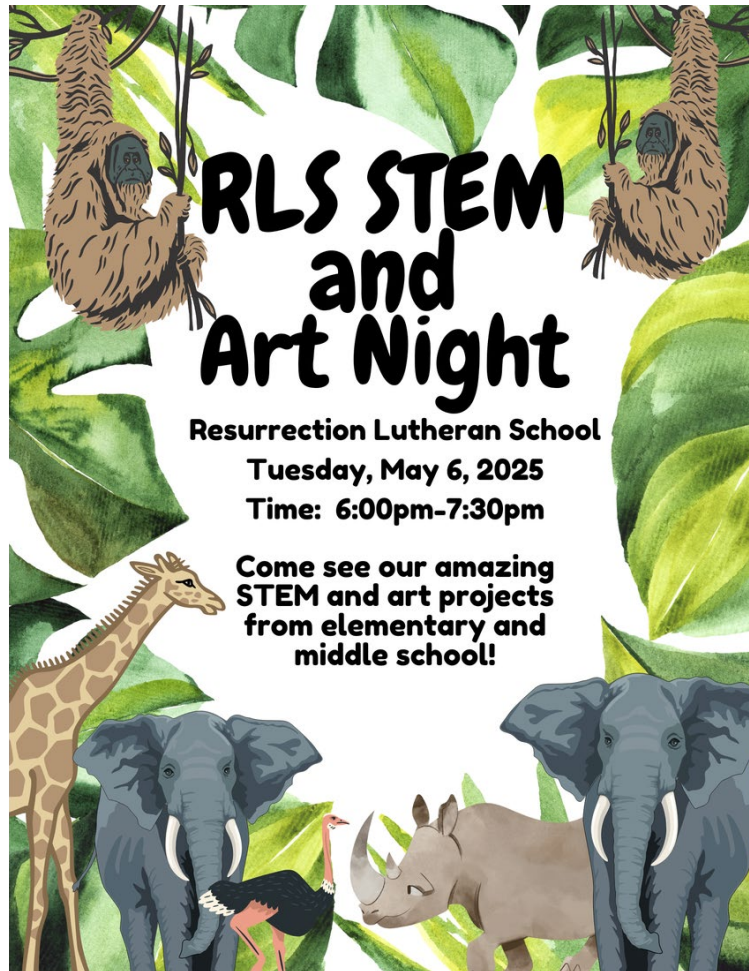
Neighbors, friends, & family welcome!

E-mail for brochure & Registration forms

REGISTER NOW!

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

Resurrection Lutheran School



rlscary.org

Junior Kindergarten-8th Grade

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

Latest Lion's Tale



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

Weekly Attendance

In-Person Worship Attendance:

Saturday, April 26

6:00 pm - 47

Sunday, April 27

8:00 am - 77

9:30 am - 144

11:00 am - 98

Total In-Person Worship: 366

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel:

Sunday, April 27

8:00 am - 106

11:00 am - 46

Total Online Views: 152

Financial Update - Fiscal 2024/25

March 2025

Budgeted Giving to Date: \$1,112,875.00

Actual Giving to Date: \$1,059,123.00

Current Over/(Under) Giving: \$(53,752.00)

Budgeted Expenses to Date: \$1,087,500.00

Actual Expenses to Date: \$1,055,868.00

Current Under/(Over) Spend: \$31,632.00

Questions? Contact finance@rlcary.org.

Church Calendar



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Prayers of the Church – May 4, 2025

*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, *Anne Altieri, *Charlotte Raines, *Eric Hammergren, *Anita Moore, *John Shaeffer,
*Vern Ebert, *Aaron, Marcus, Malcolm, *Sandy Douglas, Henry Otten, Michael Flannery,
*Helen Campbell, Paul Batt, *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, Jimmy Ketner, Hope Mackelprang, Melissa Huntsman, Sue, Kathy, Pamm Haley, Bob,
Michael Murphy, *Greta Nelson, *Marina de Moura Torres, Ames, Doug Gill, Emily, *Alison Whatley,
Joe Huley

For Expectant Moms

*Janet Lucien, *Lauren Unger, *Erika Lonseth, *Melody Gerdes, *Christina Benson, *Emily Hooper Evans

Those Prayed for on May 4, 2025

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
- Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty in DC
- Birth of *Amelia Willow Sarrault
- Easter Services and Our Pastors, Musicians, Servants
- RLC Day of Service/Operation Inasmuch Leaders and Participants
- Thankful for Delaney's Healing
- Zachary's 25th Birthday
- Suzi's Birthday
- Successful Operation

For Healing

- *Kim Goss

- All Those Exposed to COVID, with COVID, and Recovering from COVID
- Blind Ministry Guests - Maria and Jeff Barker, Linda Jones, Judy Dean, Ruby Franklin, Miriam Delgado, Betty Oglesby, Helen Rice-Lyles, Nancy Waggoner, Debbie Guice
- *Greta Nelson
- Pastor William Otto, Cancer Treatment and Surgery
- *Pam Dickson
- *Stephanie Ford
- Betty, Memory Issues
- *Vern Ebert
- *Mindy Stephani, Recovery
- Doug Gill, Ongoing Cancer Treatment
- *Helen Campbell
- Terrie Johnson, Mother of *Jen Kirby
- *Alison Whatley
- Bryon, Recovery
- Marion Cecconi, Mother of *Lecia Roberts
- Martha, Sister of *Charlotte Raines
- Carrie Heilman, Cancer Treatment, Daughter-In-Law of *John and *Virginia Heilman
- Dave, Brother-In-Law of *Susan Brandt
- Clare Roberts, Cancer Treatment, Mother of *Michelle Wood
- *Alan Sullivan
- *Charlie Shiel
- Rhianna, Healthy Pregnancy
- Kathy Siemon
- *Kathy Rihani
- Debbie, Sister of *Lynne Hoffman
- Donna LaMagna
- Michael Collins
- *Carol Klevenow, Recovery
- Leta Huntsinger's Mother in Hospice Care
- Linda, Karl, Ricky, Jean, Olevia, Gloria, David, Doug, Alice, Lois, Rosemary, Richard, Alan, Joe, Lynda, Larry, Sonia, Larry, Jan, Karen, Kelly, Curtis, Ken, Harold, Mark, Paul, Garrett, Jacob, Sandy, Bill

For Comfort

- Family and Friends of Marvin Brandt, Father of *Paul Brandt
- Family and Friends of Paul Wozniak, Husband of *Jan Wozniak
- Family and Friends of John Healey
- Family and Friends of Pope Francis
- Family and Friends of Kyle Cullen
- Family and Friends of Samantha Mele, Apex High School Student
- Family and Friends of Marge Gallagher, Mother of Pat Gallagher (Brother-In-Law of *Bob Unger)
- Family and Friends of Rob Holland, Friend of *Bill Douglas

For Provision, Peace, Strength, and Patient Endurance

- Persecuted Christians

- People Around the World Affected by Natural Disasters and Weather Events, Especially People of Western NC, SC
- Weather Events, Heavy Rain, and Flooding, Especially KY, OH, IN, TN, AR
- Families and Businesses Recovering in Western NC
- Mountainside Lutheran Church and Camp Linn Haven
- Safety and Thanksgiving for People Helping with Recovery Efforts
- People of Ukraine, and All Those Who Serve to Support Them
- People of Israel and People of Gaza, Peace in the Middle East
- All Those Supporting Family Members with Caregiving Needs
- Safe Travels
- Annie Ruth Ford, Mother of *Dennis Ford
- *Eric and *Jill Hammergren
- *Jan Wozniak and Her Family
- Jan and Rich Bloom
- *Ginny and *Ed Koren
- *Meredith A.
- *Fran Xenakis
- *Ron and *Carol Mitchell
- Those Enduring Marriage Struggles and Families in Turmoil
- Those Seeking Jobs and Career Changes, and Federal Workers
- Victims, Families, and Communities Suffering with Gun Violence
- Wayne and Dorothy Conners, and Their Family
- *Jim and *Thelma Rhodes
- *Anita Moore and Family
- Sale of Homes
- Our Government and Leaders
- Renee, Guidance and Direction
- Mothers and Fathers Awaiting Birth of New Babies, For Safe Deliveries
- College Students, Discernment, and End of Year Exams
- Those Suffering from Addiction
- For Successful Treatments
- The Peterson Family

For the Lord's Wisdom, Guidance, and Strength for the Health 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, and Ellen
- Chris Reed, SMP Training and Vicarage
- Resurrection Lutheran Church and Schools Staff
- Area Pastors and Schools Staff
- Our Stephen Ministers
- Our Ministry of Presence

For Ongoing Mission and Outreach Efforts

- Missionaries to the Dominican Republic, Stan and Dana Stigdon

- RLC's The Coffeehouse
- RLC's Blind Ministry
- Sleep in Heavenly Peace
- Safe Families for Children
- Families Together/PLM
- Camp Agape Ministries
- Read-a-Book at Reedy Creek Elementary School and Our RLC Volunteers
- Orphan Grain Train
- *Ilea Kuo, Southeast Asia Mission Trip

For Our Missionaries

- JP and Aimee Cima, Cambodia
[Click here for the Cima Family Newsletter!](#)
- Shauen and Krista Trump, Kenya

*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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