



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

JUNE 2025

From the Pastor

That Time of the (Church) Year

(Acts 2:29-33)

It's that time of year in North Carolina that summer has not quite arrived, but we know it's on its way. NBA conference finals are almost over. Fireflies in the backyard have not yet given way to cicadas. It's still a little too cool for that swimming pool. But never fear — summer's around the corner!

What is "that time of year" when it comes to the Church Year? Perhaps it's customary for us to notice the changing of the church year at its beginning... when Advent gets underway in late November. But noticing the time of year as we approach the middle can give us an appreciation



of that green growing season of the church year often called "Ordinary Time" or "Time of the Church." We move from a series of festival Sundays focused on important events in the life of Jesus to a time of year that we apply the teachings of Jesus to the Church. The color for this

season is green. It's a reminder that the teachings of Jesus that both call sinners to repentance AND give them the assurance of sins forgiven is where life-giving growth, by the power of the Holy Spirit, is found! Peter's sermon on the first Christian Pentecost mentions how the crucified, risen, and now ascended Jesus had just poured out the Holy Spirit on the people gathered together that day in Jerusalem. And Jesus still grows the faith of His people — you and me — by gifting us with His Holy Spirit, through God's Word and Sacrament.



Dates of Interest:

- Ascension Sunday.....Jun 1
- Voters' Meeting.....Jun 1
- Ladies Lunch.....Jun 4
- Pentecost Sunday.....Jun 8
- HS Grads Blessing.....Jun 8
- Coffeehouse.....Jun 13
- Holy Trinity Sunday.....Jun 15
- K.I.C.K.S. Bowling.....Jun 20
- VBS Week.....Jun 23-27
- Blind Ministry.....Jun 27
- Taize.....Jun 28

Gifts & Memorials

For Gifts & Memorials

In Memory of Bryan Boesch
Sydney Anning Lamb
Ann Loper & William Loper
Rodney Upp



Resurrection Lutheran Church in Cary is, by the grace of God, growing! Our worship attendance has been steadily ticking up since the pandemic ended. As I write this, our average in-person worship weekly attendance so far for 2025 stands at over 400. We have over 800 subscribers to our church's YouTube channel. And we had almost 1000 people gathered in-person to worship with us this past Easter Sunday! More importantly, more of us are growing in our faith at RLC these days as we gather around God's Word together. The number of those attending Bible, Christian doctrine, and Sunday School classes these days is higher, too. But our congregation (as well as each one of us) still has room to grow! The possibilities for what lies ahead in this season of our congregation's life are fun to imagine.

Let's keep listening to Jesus. Let's keep our hearts open to receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit Jesus brings us again and again. As we do, we look forward to discovering where we all have room to grow. What will this summer bring? I can't wait to find out.

Peace and joy in Christ,
Pastor Jonathan

Stewardship of Life and Health Team

June News

June is Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month. Did you know there are things you can do to lower your risk of developing dementia?

- Maintain or increase physical activity, exercise, cognitive leisure activities, and social interaction.
- Quit smoking (or better yet, don't start!).
- Stay in good control of hypertension (high blood pressure), depression, and/or diabetes, if you have any of these chronic health conditions.
- Follow Mediterranean-style diets that are high in fruits, vegetables, whole grains, beans, nuts, seeds, and olive oil.

During a Temple Talk in the Sunday services on May 25th, Dr. Steve Telloni shared an overview of the Stewardship of Life and Health Team. [You can view it here.](#) He also provided a handout, which is attached with this newsletter.

...Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you...so glorify God in your body.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Pastoral Update

Expanding Ministries – Pastor Alan

In January this year, I met with President Harmon about professional development opportunities as an SMP Pastor, specifically about intentional interim ministry. The Synod trains pastors as intentional interims (or “transitional interim ministers”) and then asks them to serve temporarily in churches where conflict or some other “disruption” necessitates a transitional interim for a limited time – typically 12-18 months – while the church prepares to call a new pastor. He asked me in January if I would ever consider taking an intentional interim position at Peace Lutheran in Goldsboro, NC. At first, I told him “no” because I couldn’t see myself commuting to Goldsboro every day; however, the church changed their call to part-time (3 days per week) and so I wrote him back and said if the current pastor being interviewed returned the call to Goldsboro then I would leave it to his discernment since I was not yet trained as a transitional interim. I did, however, commit to begin the training that started in May and runs through October.

Some weeks later, I learned the pastor had returned the call and President Harmon had given my name to the church council as a possible interim pastor. Pastor Blanke took it to the RLC Council for discussion, and they agreed to allow me to expand my service to Goldsboro.

In good Lutheran fashion you might be asking, “what does this mean?” First, there is no change to my call at RLC. I am still your Assistant Pastor and will focus my time on Wednesdays at the church and doing home visits. Next, Goldsboro is not a “call” or a “vacancy”, but rather an “addendum” to my current call here at RLC.



I will serve Goldsboro three Sundays per month and two additional days during the week. One Sunday per month I will be worshipping at RLC with you. Lastly, it is only through God’s blessing at RLC that we have the pastoral flexibility to assist other churches in our region like Peace Lutheran in Goldsboro who has been in vacancy now for 7-years. My focus will be to help them build education opportunities like Confirmation class, children’s church and first communion; connect and outreach to the community, especially the military community at Seymour Johnson Air Base; and create Word and Sacrament stability on Sundays and home

visits for the next 18 months. In about 9-months, they will again enter the call process for a new pastor and by policy, I cannot be someone they request to fill the position after this interim period is completed.

I would like to thank Pastor Jonathan, Pastor Zach, and the RLC Council Members for their support in this decision. And I would like to especially thank you all for your prayers and support as I continue to listen to how God is working in and through my ministry.



Cross Cultural Mission Engagement Team

Mission Minute

Did you know that Resurrection Lutheran Church supports LCMS International Missionaries J.P. and Aimee Cima? The Rev. Dr. J.P. and Aimee Cima, along with their children (Celeste, 18; Bella, 15; and Isaac, 8), have served in southeast Asia for more than 17 years.

Currently based in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, J.P. serves the Cambodia Lutheran Church (CLC), growing collection of Lutheran congregations. He travels throughout Cambodia to equip and empower the leaders of the CLC with informal mentorship and formal theological education, that they might boldly announce and demonstrate the Gospel to the people of Cambodia.

In her role as regional coordinator of care and development, Aimee fosters holistic care for missionaries and their families in Asia, so that they can serve with longevity. The rest of J.P. and Aimee's time is spent learning the Khmer language and whizzing around on motorbikes with their children.

In May, two significant milestones were celebrated by the family: J.P. graduated from his PhD program at Concordia Seminary and their daughter Celeste graduated from the Logos International School with a high school diploma.

If you would like to learn more about the Cima Family, visit their website at [Square Two: The Cima Family](#).



There are many ways to become involved with the CCMET. You can pray for missionaries, share your time and talents, provide financial support, volunteer for a short-term mission trip, or write letters of encouragement.

To learn more about local and international cross-cultural missions at RLC, please reach out to the team by email to ccmet@rlcary.org.



Divorce – A Sad Reality

Have you or a family member been affected by divorce? If so, you can understand the sense of loss it can bring to everyone in the family. More than just the couple who are separating but children, parents, friends and coworkers are all affected when a couple separates. It can be a soul crushing experience that leaves a person brokenhearted. The hardest part is feeling isolated and alone during a painful time and often throws a person into a state of crisis.

Lawyers are good resources for the legal aspects of divorce, but they do not always focus their care on the emotional and/or spiritual care of the individual, taking time to listen to their pain and suffering. This is where



a Stephen Minister can provide a listening ear and help provide a person with a chance to look at possible resources to help them heal so they know that they don't have to feel alone.

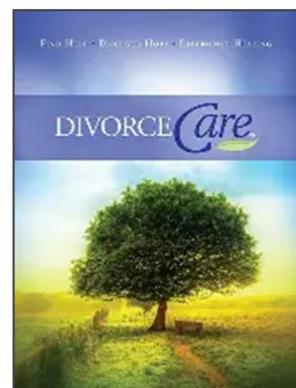
Today, the statistics say that 40% - 50% of marriages end in divorce AND that it takes one year of healing for every 5 years of marriage. That's pretty staggering!

If you or someone you know who could use a listening partner for support before, during or after the divorce process, consider emailing the Stephen Leader team at stephenministry@rlcary.org and ask about how to make a referral to a Stephen Minister.

There are other programs that can provide support in addition to a Stephen Minister, such as Pastor Alan's Christian Conciliation team and a new program that RLC will soon start called "DivorceCare."

DivorceCare is a program that provides a safe place where caring people come alongside each other to find healing from the pain of separation or divorce. In this 13-week video-based support group program, participants will find helpful counsel to manage the emotional turmoil and practical tools for decision-making so they can begin the healing process.

Resurrection will be starting a DivorceCare group in October to provide support, during or after a divorce. If you, or someone you know has an interest, please reach out to Sue Campau for more details. Volunteers are needed to help promote the group and possibly fill in as facilitators. Please let one of the pastors or Sue know if you can help!



[To learn more about Stephen Ministry at RLC, click here.](#)



Happy Anniversary!

June 3

Kevin and Shelly Blackburn
20 years

Paul and Angie Swiersz
30 years

June 7

John and Sandy Eckstein
67 years

June 8

Dean and Gail Gustafson
45 years

Rich and Cheryl Roth
51 years

June 10

Randy and Cindy Murray
30 years

June 12

John and Linda Cook
51 years

June 13

Jim and Thelma Rhodes
61 years

June 15

Bill and Eileen Douglas
62 years

Robert and Julie Koren
40 years



Resurrection Lutheran School, 8th Grade Graduates

Emma Nicole Lee Benge	Grace Christian School
Aliya Whitley Blaszcak	Grace Christian School
Victoria Fayth Briggs	Middle Creek High School
Gwendolyn Marie Carleton	Heritage Leadership Academy
Connor Stillman Derby	Cary High School
Albie James Feriozzi	Athens Drive High School
Charlotte Alene Frisbie	Apex High School
Vivienne Noel Gross	Athens Drive High School
Stella Marie Hayes	Cary High School
Adley Grace Herbert	Felton Gove High School
Nathan Tefera Israel	Triangle Math & Science Academy
Matthew Kostadinov	Cardinal Gibbons High School
Leah Addisu Mekonnen	Fuquay-Varina High School
Lily Joan Silvestri	Felton Gove High School
Emmett Michael Tikhtman	Athens Drive High School
Garrett Ford Wall	Grace Christian School

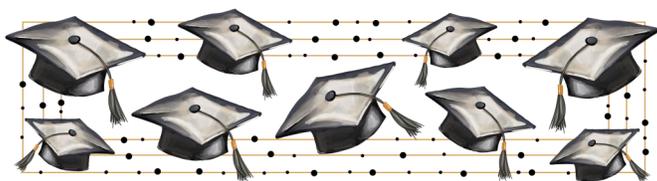
High School Graduates

Kira Bostick	Apex High School, to University of South Carolina-Aiken Play Volleyball and Study Process Engineering
Addison Collins	Apex High School, to Davidson College
Allison Heard	Athens Drive Health Sciences Academy, to East Carolina University
James Miller	Apex High School, to UNC Charlotte
Enzo Moscatello	Athens Drive Magnet High School, Summa Cum Laude to University of Texas-Austin
Ben Piontek	Apex High School, to Wake Tech
Rachel Shaltanis	Apex Friendship High School, to UNC Wilmington
Evan Thiede	Grace Christian School, to Marquette University
Abigail Verburgt	Apex High School, to UNC Wilmington
Lauryn Webb	Athens Drive Magnet High School, to NC State University, Sports Management

College Graduates

Ethan Kuo	Illinois Institute of Technology, MS in Aerospace Engineering, to Williams International, Pontiac MI
Ilea Kuo	Louisiana State University, BS in Biology
Shaelyn Kerns	Appalachian State University, Graduate School Applications to PA School
Carolena Moscatello	University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill with Highest Distinction

May God continue to bless each of you as you start this next chapter!



Resurrection Lutheran School

Thank You, Mr. Goca!

We are incredibly grateful to Ron Goca, parent of RLS first grader Gabby, for overseeing the planning and construction of our beautiful new picnic shelter on the school playground.

From the initial designs and permits to the final build, Mr. Goca guided the entire project with care and dedication. This shelter is a wonderful addition to our campus, and we are thankful for his time, leadership, and support of our school community.



Happy Anniversary!

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June 16

Marty and Emmy Cullen
63 years

June 18

Aaron and Chris Dudek
20 years

June 23

Jim and Kim Logsdon
35 years

June 24

Eric and Jill Hammergren
30 years

June 25

Robert and Adriane Field
15 years

June 26

Fred and Terry Page
65 years

June 29

Roy and Linda Rhoden
62 years



June News

Vacation Bible School — True North — Trusting Jesus in a Wild World

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.



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

Spotlight Volunteer Opportunities:

Crew Leader:

Leads a small group of children to stations - form a relationship with the crew!

Sticky Scripture Leader:

Lead four identical Sticky Scripture sessions each day for the crews.

Two volunteer meetings to bond, learn, and pray (choose one):

Thursday, June 5 at 7:00 pm OR Sunday, June 8 at Noon

We will meet in Room 151, Family Life Center.

If you are only able to volunteer a few days, that is ok.
You are needed!

Register to
volunteer here:



KICKS Bowling Night

Kids in Christ Keep Shining - Grades 3-5

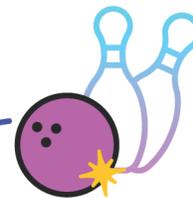
Dinner and Bowling

Friday

June 20th

Contact:

Kim or Dave Breiler
for more information



Questions? Contact Erika Hulse, Children and Family Ministry Director, at erika.hulse@rlcary.org
or 919-851-7248, ext. 62.



**Resurrection Lutheran
Preschool**

Diane Hooper, Director

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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.

CELEBRATING OUR ACCREDITATION SUCCESS!

We are thrilled to share that Resurrection Lutheran School has passed our accreditation - and with excellence! As part of the final report, the NLSA accreditation team commended RLS as "a caring Christian community with a clear mission," noting that "their standard of excellence is evident in the education they provide."

This recognition reflects the dedication of our entire school community — faculty, staff, students, families, and church partners. Thank you for being part of this mission-driven journey!

PARENT SCHOOL ORGANIZATION (PSO)

A huge thank you to our incredible PSO, parent volunteers, and staff who make all of the events possible. Your time, energy, and support helped create lasting memories for our students — we're so grateful!



**Resurrection Lutheran
School**

Robin Hester
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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/@ResurrectionLutheranCary)

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.

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Newsletter deadline is the 20th of each month.

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

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