

The Day of Pentecost

June 8, 2025



Pastor's Corner for June 8-14, 2025

Working with God (Genesis 11:1-9)

I like the Tower of Babel story from a historical perspective. A quick Google search will say we have 7,164 languages in the whole world! Ever wondered why we have so many languages? Turn to Genesis 11 and you'll see why. God did it, but that wasn't always the plan. God's plan is unity and mankind messed it up.

If we only look at the story from an historical perspective, then God looks like the bad guy. The whole population of humanity is moving as one people, finding a specific land that they choose and decide to dwell in. In this land they decide to create their own city, making their own name. All of it to create for themselves greatness. God, seeing this, decides to "go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech."

What's God's problem? Why would He disrupt such unity and teamwork? Why would God make our lives, thousands of years later, difficult with all these languages? Reread that last paragraph and look over the story again. Where is God in this plan of the people? He's not there. And that's the problem.

After the flood, God told Noah and his family, all of humanity, to "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth." Humanity has certainly multiplied, but they have not filled the earth. They have stayed together to create their own name and their own lives, forgetting God's name and work for them. They took God right out of the picture. Do we ever do this?

When you wake up in the morning, what does your to-do list look like? Is it driven with the question, "What am I doing today?" I know that's how I usually begin my day. Where is God in that question? He's not there. We might explain it away by saying that God is always there, which is true, but do we recognize that? Too often we look at the world and our lives with our own names and plans as the goal. We forget that God has already given us a name and that He has already achieved His plan in the cross. We can forget what God has done, is doing, and will continue to do and we can forget that God wants to use us in that plan.

God's desire is still unity. It always has been, but with Him at the center because He knows that we need Him and His gifts to live well in the good life according to His salvation. This week, I'll give you (and me) a challenge. Rather than asking the question, "What am I doing today?" ask "What is God already doing and how am I a part of it?". The list may still look the same, but it will be made with a different perspective.

Your growing brother in Christ,
Pastor Zach Sarrault

Prayers of the Church



**Flowers Placed on the Sanctuary Altar
Remembering Darrell
by Anita Moore**

**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.**

[Sign Up for Altar Flowers!](#)



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



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The Next Coffeehouse for Special Needs Adults

Friday, June 13

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, 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, June 13** from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Family Life Center gym. *Old Play* will be playing for us.

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



It is with great sadness and in Christian love and hope that we remember our brother in Christ, **Michael Edward Collins**, who was called to rest with Jesus on May 5, 2025. Our prayers remain with his wife, Shirley, and their family.

A Celebration of Life in Christ will be held at Resurrection on **Saturday, June 14** at 1:00 pm, followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall.

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.



It is with great sadness and in Christian love and hope that we remember our brother in Christ, **John Philip Healey**, who was called to rest with Jesus on April 14, 2025. Our prayers remain with his family.

John and his wife Ruth were active, early members of Resurrection Lutheran Church. John held numerous roles within the church, including serving as congregation president and building committee chairperson. His leadership was instrumental in the construction of both the original church building and the new location at 100 W. Lochmere Drive, Cary.

A Celebration of Life in Christ will be held at RLC on **Saturday, June 21** at 1:00 pm. Service will be followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

Children and Family Ministry

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.

If you missed the previous meeting, plan to attend this volunteer meeting to bond, learn, and pray:

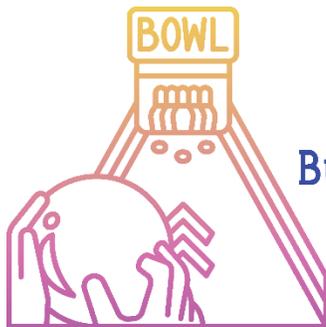
Sunday, June 8 at Noon

We will meet in Room 151, Family Life Center.

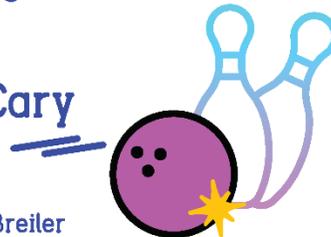
If you are only able to volunteer a few days, that is ok. You are needed!

K.I.C.K.S. Bowling Night

Kids in Christ Keep Shining
Youth Group for Rising 3rd-5th Graders



Friday, June 20
6:00 pm
Buffaloe Lanes, Cary



Contact: Kim or Dave Breiter
for more information.

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, June 8

We will be recognizing our high school graduates ***in all worship services!***

5:00-6:30 pm, The Warehouse - **Last High School Youth Group!**



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

Latest Lion's Tale

WORSHIP SERVICES

Traditional Worship in Sanctuary	Praise Worship in Family Life Center
Saturday, 6:00 pm	Sunday, *11:00 am
Sunday, *8:00 & 9:30 am	

**Services Live Streamed to YouTube*

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, May 31
6:00 pm - 60

Sunday, June 1
8:00 am - 104
9:30 am - 178
11:00 am - 98

Total In-Person Worship: 440

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel:

Sunday, June 1
8:00 am - 120
11:00 am - 37

Total Online Views: 157

Financial Update - Fiscal 2024/25

April 2025

Budgeted Giving to Date: \$1,225,250

Actual Giving to Date: \$1,200,489

Current Over/(Under) Giving: \$(24,761)

Budgeted Expenses to Date: \$1,208,333

Actual Expenses to Date: \$1,172,643

Current Under/(Over) Spend: \$35,690

Questions? Contact finance@rlcary.org.

Church Calendar



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Prayers of the Church – June 8, 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, Lyn Becksford

For Expectant Moms

*Melody Gerdes, *Christina Benson, *Emily Hooper Evans

Those Prayed for on June 1, 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
- College Graduates, High School Graduates
- Birth of Jackson Lonseth, Parents *Matt and *Erika Lonseth
- Vacation Bible School Leaders, Volunteers, and Participants

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, 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 from Brain Injury
- 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 Rihani
- *Carol Klevenow, Recovery
- Leta Huntsinger's Mother in Hospice Care
- *Larry, Recovery
- *Phil Gresens, Recovery
- Cynthia Wyse, Recovery
- Brian Gorneau, Recovery from Accident
- *Cecelia Brown, Recovery from Accident
- *Fern Frusti
- Uncle Curt, Good Test Results
- Niece, Recovery from Brain Surgery
- Cecilia, Jessica, Olevia, Sam, Dana, Jean, Ricky, Linda, Karl, Tim, Justin, Red, Brian, Kevin, Keith, Patty, Anna, Anne, Skyler, Carlton, Rhianna, Wendy, Joe, James, Gary, Jim, Alice, Alan, Lois, Gene, Lois, Denise, John, Tommi, Bob, Harold, Ken, Mary Kay, Carrie, Virginia, Mara, Doug, Mark, Eric, Dave, Mike, John, Shim, Michael

For Comfort

- Family and Friends of Mark Barnett (Guest of Blind Ministry)
- Family and Friends of Wayne Conners, Especially Wife Dorothy Conners

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
- Dorothy Conners and Her Family
- *Jim and *Thelma Rhodes
- *Anita Moore and Family
- Rundel Family
- Our Government and Leaders
- *Jack and *Darlene Bartels, Safe Travels
- Via de Cristo
- For Brother Steve; For Sons Garrett and Jacob; For Health/Healing

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, and Ellen
- SMP Vicar Christopher Reed, SMP Training and Vicarage, and His Family
- Resurrection Lutheran Church and Schools Staff
- Area Pastors and Schools Staff
- Our Stephen Ministers
- Our Ministry of Presence

For Ongoing Mission and Outreach Efforts

- 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
- Eastern NC Lutheran Via de Cristo

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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