



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 2025

From the Pastor

A “Very Present” Help

(Psalm 46)

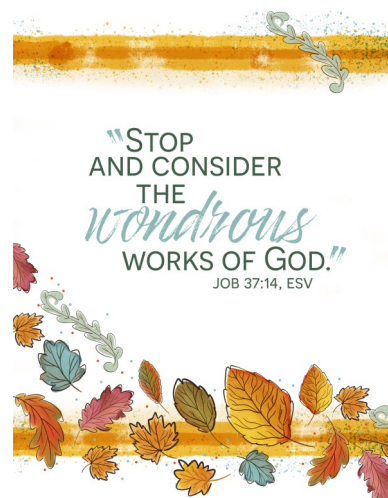
October is the month of the Protestant Reformation. And what would any commemoration of the Protestant Reformation be without the singing of the hymn, “A Mighty Fortress”? I ask that question because this iconic hymn in our hymn book (LSB 657) is based on Psalm 46, a psalm most widely known for those words of the Lord Almighty to anyone beset by distress to merely “Be still and know that I am God” (46:10). Those are beloved and beautiful words, to be sure! Here’s something else worth contemplating this year as we hear the words of the Psalm: Our God is a “very present help in trouble.”

I don’t know about you, but that’s something I know I need to hear about again this year. Trouble at times seems to be all around. There are the statistics we have all heard proving how random violence directed at people of faith is not as unusual in our country today as it once was.



And then there is all the other trouble that never seems to change that much from year to year. Jesus is not someone far away... someone you have to make sure you have on speed dial whenever trouble finds you. He is close at hand. He is, as the Hebrew words behind “very present” literally read, “always findable.” Not only has Jesus proved himself to be One who would bring

the world rescue from sin, death, and the Devil during his earthly ministry at just the right time. Now, the Lord God promises never to remove Himself from His people in their distress in the first place! He is always available... always found... in His life-giving Word! As the Psalmist writes, “The Lord Almighty is with us. The God of Jacob is our fortress!”



Dates of Interest:

Ladies Lunch.....Oct 1
 Sleep in Heavenly.....Oct 4
 K.I.C.K.S.....Oct 8
 Following Naomi.....Oct 9
 Coffeehouse.....Oct 10
 Men’s Breakfast.....Oct 11
 Blessing Quilts.....Oct 11/12
 Outdoor Worship.....Oct 19
 Blind Ministry.....Oct 24
 New Members.....Oct 25/26
 Fall Festival.....Oct 26

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Sunday Morning Bible Study

Challenging Words of Jesus

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

September 7-October 12

Ever wonder why Jesus tells you to hate your family, make friends by unrighteous wealth, fear God, or that divorce is adultery?

We will be specifically looking at these challenging words of Jesus, because even His hard words matter for our relationship with Him and the people He gives us.

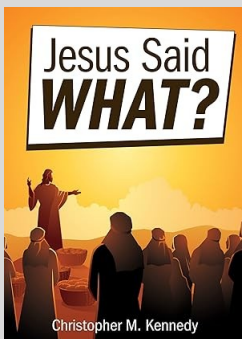
Jesus doesn't always tell you what you want to hear.

But He always tells you what you need to hear, and even the hard words are a gift given to you in love.

Our goal will be to understand these hard words in context and see the love of Jesus behind them.

Materials: *Jesus Said What?*
by Christopher M. Kennedy

Led by Pastor Zach Sarrault,
Pastor Jonathan Blanke



That is something to give thanks to God for, throughout this month of October! We start the month with our annual "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" bed build on October 4. "No kid sleeps on the floor in our town," is the motto of this worthy organization which RLC is proud to partner with again this year. Then, the second weekend of October will mark our annual quilt dedication, sponsored by the RLC Quilters' group (The Piecemakers) for Lutheran World Relief. As in past years, the variety of quilts produced by The Piecemakers will decorate the sanctuary and Family Life Center during our all of our worship services (October 11–12) before being collected and shipped to one of the LWR staging centers for use world-wide. The third weekend of October is our annual joint worship service in Ritter Park with the Ethiopian Evangelical Lutheran Church Mekane Yesus. Come out and enjoy the beautiful outdoors as we listen to Resurrection Lutheran School children's choir and sample authentic Ethiopian cuisine (together with American hot dogs!) once the service is over! That celebration begins at 11 AM in Ritter Park. And then we finish up the month with our annual Reformation weekend worship services and Fall Festival (Trunk-or-Treat) in the RLC parking lot on October 26.

Jesus is our "very-present help"... and so we are there to offer up our help and service to others, too. I can't think of a better way to welcome this beautiful season of autumn. I can't think of a better way to celebrate the Reformation again this year. Can you?

Love in Christ,
Pastor Jonathan

In Appreciation

To our dear friends of Resurrection Lutheran,

Thank you for all your help with the memorial service for my husband, Wayne Conners, on July 12, 2025. Everyone came together to have a wonderful celebration of Wayne's life.

I especially would like to thank Pastor Jonathan Blanke, Pastor Zach Sarrault, and Margaret Hyatt for their time and help preparing for the Service, and the execution of the memorial service as well. The piano music by SMP Vicar Christopher Reed was exceptional and a delightful addition to the service.

Also, a huge thank you to all the people behind the scenes, especially the tech team, Susan Moore and Garrett Douglas, Jan and Bill Boyer, usher and coordinator, Kim Simpson, reception coordinator, and all the helpers in the kitchen and Fellowship Hall that made the food selections so delicious.

With grateful hearts in Jesus' name,
Dorothy Conners and Family

Sleep in Heavenly Peace

Helping Children in Need Sleep Better

All children deserve a safe, comfortable place to lay their heads. Across the country, too many boys and girls go without a bed — or even a pillow — to sleep on. These children end up sleeping on couches, blankets, and even floors. This can affect their happiness and health.

That's where Sleep in Heavenly Peace comes in. We are volunteers who are dedicated to building, assembling, and delivering top-notch bunk beds to children and families in need.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) provides the bed, mattress, and bedding to each child. Bedlessness is a real problem in the US with 2-3% of the population sleeping without beds.

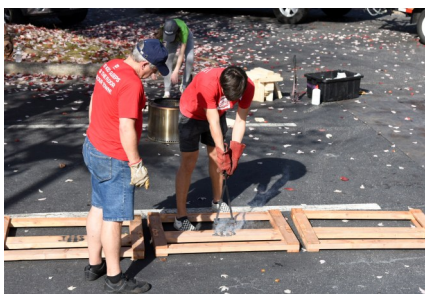
A volunteer crew delivered to a family of three little girls that had all been sleeping on the same (broken) twin size bed. That same night, a bed was delivered to a 17-year-old that had never had a bed of his own.

SHP provides all the tools and expertise that allow people with little or no experience to build all components for a solid, wood bunk bed. It is always a fun-filled half day that ends with branding the beds. Fellowship is wonderful and the ability to solve a problem for others leaves everyone feeling a bit better about the world! We need many volunteers for the build.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace Build Day
Saturday, October 4 from 9:00 am-12:00 pm
Church Parking Lot

Sign Up Now!

x.gldn.io/e/ITrRZlq7ERb



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

Learn More: shpbeds.org

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities



Tuesday

Tuesday Morning Bible Study and Fellowship

10:30-11:30 am — Fellowship Hall — September 2-May 19

Leaders: Pastor Zach Sarrault, Pastor Jonathan Blanke

The Scripture lessons in worship offer a menu every week to build up the people of God in faith and hope. We will study the lessons for the following Sunday, and as we do, we expect that this Word will enrich and edify our community prayer, faith, and servant life in Christ.

Wednesday

Christian Parenting

6:00-7:00 pm — Room 240, Family Life Center — September 3-November 19

Leaders: Pastor Zach Sarrault, Erika Hulse

Using the book, *Habits of the Household* by Justin Whitmel Earley, we will see how these ordinary routines are extraordinary opportunities to live out the love of God in profound ways. Together we will grow as the parents God has called us to be and see how God is working in the mundane moments of our households.

The Rock, The Road, and The Rabbi

6:00-7:00 pm — Room 151, Family Life Center — September 3-October 22

Leaders: Tim Kearby, Mindy Stephani

Have you ever longed to walk where Jesus walked, to understand Scripture the way His first followers did? Join us for an inspiring Bible study based on the book, *The Rock, The Road, and The Rabbi* by Kathie Lee Gifford — a journey through the Holy Land with fresh insight from Jewish roots and ancient traditions. All welcome.

James For Men

7:00-8:00 pm (Fellowship at 6:30 pm) — Room 247, Family Life Center — September 3-October 22

Leader: Tom Gebbia

In *The Book of James For Men*, author and speaker Vince Miller explores vital spiritual elements which are important for men of all ages and stages of life. This book addresses the tough issues we all encounter and teaches us to face them head on in a godly way.

Women of the Word (WOW) ~ Everlasting: Peaks, Valleys, and Grace in the Psalms

7:00-8:00 pm (Fellowship at 6:45 pm) — Fellowship Hall — September 3-December 10

Contact: Jamee Thieme

All women are invited to this discussion-based study using the book, *Everlasting: Peaks, Valleys, and Grace in the Psalms* by Christina Hergenrader. In this Bible study, you'll be guided through 25 psalms, digging into their genres, perplex emotions, glimpses of Jesus, and more. Zoom version available on Mondays, 7:00-8:00 pm.

This Is the Church

7:00-8:00 pm — Room 251, Family Life Center — September 10-October 8

Leader: Pastor Jonathan Blanke

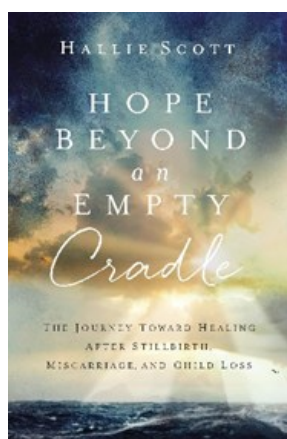
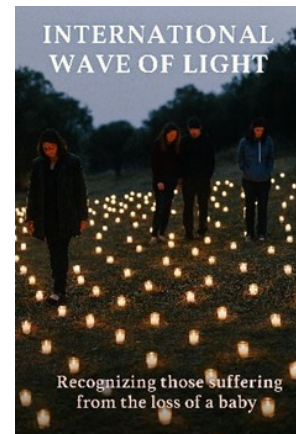
We will focus on the basics of what Christians believe and how the Christian faith can be understood in distinction from other world religions. It is a great opportunity for those who are joining us from another denomination or are new to the church altogether.

Hope Beyond an Empty Cradle

One of the main things people associate with Stephen Ministry is helping people through grief, and so it isn't surprising that the next couple of themed months will focus on different aspects of grief.

In October, and specifically on October 15th, we recognize National Infancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month, and the international wave of light invites people to light a candle at 7:00 pm on October 15th to show support to those who are grieving the loss. There are no words for parents who lose a child either prior to birth or during early childhood. And there is literally no word to describe a parent who loses their child: children can be "orphans"; spouses may be a "widow/er", but there is no word to describe parents who lose a child.

Stephen Ministry can be a great resource when there are no words to describe the loss and no words to describe the emotion. While Stephen Ministry is not designed to replace professionally trained counselors or medical providers, we are well-equipped to support people during challenging times in life.



The Christ-centered approach provides a message of hope. Stephen Ministers are called "Care Givers," but we know that only Christ is the "Cure Giver". It is through that relationship that Stephen Ministers can be that safe space for people to express their grief. It is our "ministry of presence" and sometimes all people need is to know that someone is with them.

You can find the book pictured here in the Stephen Ministry section of the RLC Library (located next to the gym). There are no words... and sometimes silence communicates all that is needed in that moment.

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

If you or someone you know is grieving the loss of a child, consider emailing the Stephen Leader referral team at stephenministry@rlcary.org and ask about how to make a referral to a Stephen Minister.



Widows Group

Following Naomi

The Following Naomi widows group will be meeting on **Thursday, October 9** at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Larry Cameron will be our speaker this month and will give a presentation about Emily Dickinson.

Contact Eydee Persson or the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).

Campus Ministry

LCMS U

LCMSU @ NCSU's first meeting in October will be on **Friday, October 10 from 7:00-8:30 pm** at the **NC State Study Center** (201 Brooks Avenue, Raleigh). We will start with a time of fellowship filled with games and snacks before closing the night with "Evening Prayer" and Holy Communion. Pastor Alan Shaw from RLC will be with us once again.

Our second meeting will be on **Friday, October 24 from 7:00-8:30 pm** at **Resurrection Lutheran Church**. Please note the location change! We will have fellowship before we celebrate Reformation with "Evening Prayer" and Holy Communion. Pastor Zach Sarrault from RLC will be assisting with the service. Transportation can be arranged for this event upon request.

If you or someone you know is interested in joining us, please reach out to [Jonathan Madler](mailto:Jonathan.Madler@rlcary.org), Pastor Alan Shaw, or the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).

LCMSU @ NCSU is the local chapter of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod college outreach program, LCMSU (lcms.org/how-we-serve/national/campus-ministry). We meet twice each month for fellowship and worship. We understand that "College is tough, you need Jesus." LCMSU @ NCSU provides the opportunity to join with fellow LCMS college students to support each other and provide a church connection. It is open to any college age student who is attending NC State, UNC, Duke, or another local or online college.



New Members

Discover Resurrection

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**Saturday, October 11 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm
in the Fellowship Hall**

It is at this event that we take a closer look at how we do life together at RLC. Anyone interested in doing so is then invited to officially join our Resurrection family. Childcare is provided upon request.

We do ask if you are joining Resurrection (even if transferring from another congregation) to participate in this class as it helps you learn about our church life and how you can serve alongside us as a member of the RLC family.

Then a weekend is set aside to welcome you into our Resurrection family (**October 25 and 26**) during each of our services.

God's blessings to you as we continue our journey in faith! Please feel free to contact any of the Pastors, if you have any questions about the church.

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Pastor Zach Sarrault - zach.sarrault@rlcary.org, 919-851-7248, ext. 23

Pastor Alan Shaw - alan.shaw@rlcary.org, 919-851-7248, ext. 31

Mission Minute

Ilea Kuo — Mission Trip to Southeast Asia, Summer 2025

This summer was such an amazing opportunity to challenge and grow my faith in the midst of a different country and culture, and to ultimately investigate what it might be like to pursue global missions long term. Going into the trip, I already had some limited experience with sharing the Gospel with strangers; I participated in various campus and city outreach events that focused on sharing with many people, as opposed to establishing deep connections with a few. Nervous as I was to try a different approach, I was excited to see what it would be like to forge relationships first, and through them, get to share the Good News. I think the biggest obstacle of sharing the Gospel this summer was the cultural barrier. It is difficult to describe what it feels like as a Christian to go from a Christian-based country to a Muslim-based country. The power of the devil was palpable and felt heavy the whole time we were there. Instead of being surrounded by churches and people that knew the Grace of Jesus, we were surrounded by mosques and people trying their best to be "good enough" for God. Each time the call to prayer would go off (five times a day), we were reminded of how lost the people around us were and the Truth that they were missing out on. It was heartbreaking, but encouraged our convictions about why we were there.

Although we did not have any friends that accepted Christ while we were there, many had lots of questions about our faith and about their own that they wanted to investigate. We were able to connect them with the long term staff that live in the area so they can continue to explore Christianity. I still chat with my friends to see how they are doing and update them on my life as well. I am praying that eventually, the seed planted in them would sprout and lead them to Christ.

This trip also taught me a lot about my own relationship with Christ, and what I might do in the future. For the past year, I have been considering long term mission work, and this trip served as a taste of what that life might look like. Being among those people for 7 weeks and making friends with some of the college students there grew my heart for the Indonesian people, and for Muslim people worldwide. I cannot imagine how discouraging it must be to live your whole life trying to be "good enough" while never knowing if you have actually done enough. I wanted my friends to know the Gospel and be freed from that life of fear. Coming back to the States, I remembered walking into my first church service the day after we got back, and being in awe of a room full of believers, proudly singing praises to God. Although we had our own worship services in a staff member's house during the summer, it was so incredible to be back at a place, surrounded by other Christians and be able to openly proclaim our faith. However, I also felt a conviction towards the nations where a church service like that could not be possible. There are so many strong believers in America that can share with the folks here but don't have the ability to go to the nations. I have that freedom and capability of doing so now, and I don't want to take that for granted. This summer encouraged me to keep my yes on the table for moving overseas as a missionary and to take steps toward that goal.

This trip was truly an incredible experience and one that I am so grateful for. The Lord challenged and grew me in ways that I was not expecting, and continually reminded me of the beauty of the Gospel. I want to thank you all for supporting me through this trip and wanting to see the Nations reached. It is such a blessing and honor to be able to be a part of God's mission of salvation for all people, and one that I will continue in for the rest of my life.

[For Ilea's full article and pictures, click here \(scroll to bottom of page\).](#)

If you are interested in learning more about the Cross-Cultural Mission Engagement Team or serving in one or more of the available opportunities, please reach out to Erika Hulse at ccmet@rlcary.org.

The Piecemakers

Blessing of the Quilts

The Piecemakers, RLC's quilting group, creates hand-tied quilts that are blessed and shipped to Lutheran World Relief (LWR). Quilts are valuable tools in LWR's relief work to end poverty, injustice, and human suffering. To recipients, they are a symbol of God's love and compassion. Quilts can be used as warm bedding, room dividers, simple tents, or floor coverings.

This year, Lutheran World Relief is celebrating 80 years of Quilt Ministry! In honor of this milestone, The Piecemakers are holding a Quilt Show with *your special or vintage quilts* as part of the Blessing of the Quilts Weekend this month.

If you would like to show a quilt during this event, please drop it off in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, October 11 between 10:00 am and 12:00 pm. Come view these artistic and unique pieces of tradition!

The quilters will display the finished hand-tied quilts that are ready for donation to LWR in all of our worship services during this special weekend. Our church was one of many who partnered with this mission to donate 330,000 quilts to over 24 countries in 2024.

In addition to the quilt show and blessing, there will also be a quilt auction and sale where you can expect to see an assortment of beautiful quilts and hand-crafted items. Proceeds go towards buying batting for the quilts and to help defray the cost of shipping.

So mark your calendars now for the **Blessing of the Quilts Weekend on October 11 and 12** at all worship services. Please plan to join us and thank you for your continued support!

To learn more, [Quilts | Lutheran World Relief](#). If you have questions, contact Linda Merrill through RCB, or the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).



Worship in the Park

Sunday, October 19 at 11:00 am
Ritter Park

Musical Offering by RLS Students

Stay for Food and Fellowship After Service!

No 9:30 am Worship or Sunday School
for Adults and Children

Come worship outdoors in God's creation!

*No Live Stream

Family Fun Event!

Fall Festival



Games

Fall Snack Station

Inflatable Obstacle Course

Trunk or Treating (bring a bag!)

SIGN UP:



**-RAIN OR SHINE-
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26**

3:00-4:00 PM

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Sign Up: bit.ly/4pBsTT6

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

Gifts & Memorials

For Gifts & Memorials

In Memory of Ron Mitchell

Howard & Katherine Cange

Nancy Uhi

Kathy Rihani



Human Care Committee

October Updates

Thank You Notes from Our Christmas in July Campaign

From Green Chair:

We are overwhelmed by the amount of donations you collected, over 550 items! Our staff and volunteers are excited to start using these items helping more families in our community have what they need to make their house a home.

[The Green Chair Project](#)

From Families Together:

Thank you so much for your generous contribution to Families Together. Because of the substantial cost savings resulting from your donation, we are able to focus more funding on programmatic activities supporting families in need. Please know that your contribution makes a direct difference to local families with children experiencing homelessness.

[Families Together](#)

The Christmas Trees are coming!

The Christmas Store is an outreach of United Church at 820 East Williams Street (Hwy. 55) in Apex, NC and exists to provide gifts at Christmas to children in low-income families by engaging volunteers in meaningful community service.

The store will be open this year on December 13 for families to shop. **On November 1**, the Christmas trees will appear in the Narthex and FLC. All toys collected go to the Christmas Store. New this year will be cards on the trees with a QR code you can scan to order toys to be delivered directly to United Church.

Volunteers are needed at United Church on December 13 to help with parking, greeting, gift wrapping, Shopping, and more. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer to work at the Christmas Store, please go to this link: christmasstorenc.com/volunteers

Greater Area CROP Walk — November 2, 2025

CROP Hunger Walks are community-based walk fundraising events held in cities and towns across the United States, created to support the global mission of [Church World Service](#), a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster. After a CROP Hunger Walk ends, 25% of the funds raised is returned to the host community to support local hunger fighting efforts.



RLC had been active with this organization prior to the pandemic. Younger youth would staff a water station and teens would walk and raise money to donate to the organization. If you have been active with this organization in the past and/or would like to get involved now, we are looking for a Team Leader to organize our involvement. Please contact the church office ASAP, if you are willing to take on this role.

Blood Drive

RLC Blood Drive ❤️ 20 Time Slots Available

November 11th (Tues) @ RLC 1:00-6:00

- RLC donor goal: 36 pints
- Donors can redeem rewards for a \$30 gift card
- 30 pints = \$500 donation to Guardian's Haven
- Childcare available upon advance request
- Snacks and fellowship provided
- Ages 16 / 17 require parental signature

Sign up "Sponsor Code" 13634

Use QR Code or bit.ly/44Tfzkl

Call Steve Best or church office



Support Veterans and First Responders

Resurrection Women's Ministries

Advent Tea

Preparing for Jesus: An Advent Tea

Saturday, December 6 from 12:00-2:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

Join your adult sisters-in-Christ for a time of fellowship, encouragement, and faith-building, as we prepare our hearts and minds for this upcoming Advent season. (For Women of RLC and Their Guests)

Registration forms are in church mailboxes. Tickets are \$10 each (any excess funds will go towards LWML Mites for Missions).

Registration deadline is Sunday, November 16.

Please note, space is limited to 60, so sign up early.

Interested in volunteering? Many hands make light work; thanks for considering! Please see registration form for details.

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

Happy Anniversary!

October 1

Michael and Jill Schwadron
20 years

October 7

Kenn and Carol Buckner
25 years

October 11

Mark and Debbie Hammert
45 years

October 14

Glenn and Rebecca Hagedorn
25 years

Ken and Alisa McDonald
25 years

October 19

John and Jennifer Bolte
35 years

October 25

Dennis and Linda Merrill
50 years

October 27

Joseph and Linda Mangino
35 years

October 29

Chris and Melissa Holfelder
25 years

October News

The History of Fire Prevention: Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire in 1871. Tragically this conflagration killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 people homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has sponsored the event since 1922 and continues to provide resources and information each year. The organization's goal is to educate the public about fire safety by providing educational activities, such as practicing escape plans and testing smoke alarms. Each year a new theme is chosen to highlight a specific fire safety topic. This year's theme for Fire Prevention Week™ (October 5–11, 2025) is: *"Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home."*

From Phones to Power Tools: Know the Risks of Lithium-Ion Batteries

Most of the electronics we use in our homes every day, like smartphones, tablets, power and lawn tools, laptops, e-cigarettes, headphones, and toys, to name just a few, are powered by lithium-ion batteries. In fact, most everything that's rechargeable uses this type of battery.

If not used correctly or if damaged, lithium-ion batteries can overheat, start a fire, or even explode. To reduce these risks, look around your home — it's important to know which devices are powered by them. Lithium-ion batteries are powerful, convenient, and they're just about everywhere. This year's campaign helps people understand the importance of using these batteries correctly to prevent fires in the home and to follow the **Buy, Charge, and Recycle Safely** approach.

Buy only listed products.

- When buying a product that uses a lithium-ion battery, take time to research it. Look for a stamp from a nationally recognized testing lab on the packaging and product, which means that it meets important safety standards.
- Many products sold online and in stores may not meet safety standards and could increase risk of fire.

Charge devices safely.

- Always use cords that came with the product to charge it. Follow the instructions from the manufacturer.
- If you need a new charger, buy one from the manufacturer or one that the manufacturer has approved.
- Charge your device on a hard surface. Don't charge it under a pillow, on a bed, or on a couch. This could cause a fire.
- Don't overcharge your device. Unplug it or remove the battery when it's fully charged.

Recycle batteries responsibly.

- Don't throw lithium-ion batteries in the trash or regular recycling bins because they could catch fire.
- Recycling your device or battery at a safe battery recycling location is the best way to dispose of them. Visit call2recycle.org to find a recycling spot near you.

Lithium-ion fires can be caused by several other factors, including internal short circuits, overheating, physical damage, electric shock, environmental risks, manufacturing defects, age and wear.

There is no guarantee that a fire will never happen in your home. That's why it is important to be prepared and take steps to reduce the risk of a house fire.

The Stewardship of Life and Health want to encourage everyone to be aware of their devices, follow the *Buy, Charge, and Recycle Safely* approach, and support this year's FPW theme, "Charge into Fire Safety™."

- Jo Lynn Van Wart, Public Fire and Life Safety Educator (retired), Member of Stewardship of Life and Health

Youth Ministry

Middle and High School

Middle School Youth Retreat

Our Middle School Youth had the opportunity to head to Camp Agape for a weekend of fun and faith last month. The group got to experience their low ropes/challenge course. They learned just how important communication is when it comes to working with a team made up of unique individuals. They worked together to solve problems and make sure each group member successfully completed each obstacle.

We also had the opportunity to be in God's word and study His word focusing on our identity in Him. Pastor Zach challenged our group (adult leaders included) to just sit and read our Bibles for 30 minutes. No specific goal or reading selection. Just read. It was incredible to see the vast array of ways that each person approached this, some reading multiple stories from multiple books to some just starting at the beginning in Genesis with creation. How many of you have just sat down to read your Bible for 30 minutes? I challenge you. See where God takes you.

We hiked to the Tar River, we ziplined, we played 9 square, we had church by the campfire but most importantly we got to build relationships with each other. Relationships with a firm foundation in faith are such a blessing.

We are so grateful to our amazing leaders that went along on the ride with us, kept us well fed, and possibly well rested. Thank you Pastor Zach, Robert Field, Alaina Ciencewicki, Mike McSwiney, and Angela York!

*"Carry each other's burdens,
and in this way you will fulfill"*



**RLC Middle School
YOUTH EVENTS**

10/1 YOUTH GROUP (6:00-7:00pm)

10/8 YOUTH GROUP (6:00-7:00pm)

10/15 YOUTH GROUP (6:00-7:00pm)

10/22 YOUTH GROUP (6:00-7:00pm)

10/26 FALL FESTIVAL SERVICE PROJECT
2:00-4:30pm
Come help run games, hand out treats and serve at the Fall Festival! Super fun way to serve. Dressing up is encouraged!

10/5, 10/12, 10/26 Sunday School
9:30-10:30am

**RLC HIGH SCHOOL
schedule**

OCT 5,12,19 YOUTH GROUP
6:30-8:00
SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS

OCT 26 FALL FESTIVAL SERVICE PROJECT
1:00 Meet for Fellowship/Food
1:45 Set Up & Tasks
2:00 Lead Middle School/Set Up
3:00-4:00 Fall Festival
4:00-4:30 Clean Up

OCT 5,12,26 SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:30-10:30am

OCT 31 SED HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT
leave @ 3:00pm
more info coming soon

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



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY October 2025

Sunday School

Join us for Bible stories, games, songs and crafts.

Sunday School is from 9:30-10:30

Pre-K room 132

K & 1st grade room 135

2nd & 3rd grade room 131

4th & 5th grade room 133

Children's Church

Children's Church is held during the 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service. Children are dismissed to Children's Church after the Children's Message. The children participate in crafts, games and Bible stories in room 151.

We look forward to seeing your children there!!!

Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat

Families are invited to join us rain or shine on Sunday, October 26th from 3-4 pm for trunk or treating, games, an inflatable obstacle course and fun! Families are welcome to host a trunk for the event or make donations of candy and/or small trinkets for distribution. RLC Children's Ministry and Youth Ministry are working together to host an awesome event for our church, schools and community.

Wednesday Nights

Kidz Live 6-7 pm in the gym! The Justice Family has been leading children Pre-K to 5th graders. They are sharing scripture, playing games and completing projects.

KICKS - Kids in Christ Keep Shining (for grades 3-5)

Led by the Breiler Family is held the second Wednesday of the month from 6-7 pm in the gym. They have a devotion, games and fun activities.

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



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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.*

STEM NEWS

Marsha Sirkin from the NCSU Science House visited RLS recently to lead a professional development session for our teachers. She shared strategies for integrating science and engineering practices into class instruction, helping staff better understand how to apply these practices in science and STEM lessons. Her engaging session provided practical examples and ideas that will support teachers in designing lessons where students think critically, collaborate, and approach challenges like real scientists and engineers.

THIRD ANNUAL FALL HOOTENANNY

The 3rd Annual Fall Hootenanny is Friday, October 3 from 5:15-8:00 pm! It will be a fun evening full of games, food, community and friends at the beautiful FigMint Farms in Apex.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September 29-October 3	MAP Testing - Kindergarten and First Grade
October 2	Volleyball - Emerson Waldorf
October 3	PSO Fall Family Annual Hootenanny
October 6	TMSC Cross Country Championship, Sugg Farm Park
October 21	Kindergarten Open House

Looking Ahead...

November 4	No School
November 10-14	Book Fair



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Come Grow With Us:
Rooted in Christ.
Growing in Grace.

**But grow in the grace and
knowledge of our Lord
and Savior Jesus Christ.**
**To him be the glory
both now and to the day
of eternity. Amen.**

2 Peter 3:18

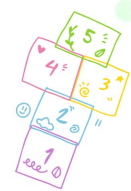


Prospective students
& parents are invited!
Sign up here
to attend:



Resurrection Lutheran School
**KINDERGARTEN
OPEN HOUSE**
October 21, 2025
4-5 pm





All attendees
will receive
early access to
2026-2027
Registration!

Sign Up: forms.gle/fJZFDvuMMfnXdzDK8

We would love for you to share this with family and friends
who may be interested!

For more information, contact Erika Hulse at erikahulse@rlscary.org.

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.*



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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/channel/UCResurrectionLutheranCary)

or through our website at

rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship



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Rev. Zachery Sarrault, Associate Pastor

Rev. Alan Shaw, Assistant Pastor

Christopher Reed, SMP 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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