Reformation Day October 26, 2025



Pastor's Corner for October 26-November 1, 2025

The Best News Ever (Revelation 14:6-7)

Here's some news from this past week: On Monday, the Amazon Web Services (AWS) outage caused us to lose the connection to the cloud-based service we all rely on to build our weekly worship bulletins. Then on Tuesday, from roughly 1 PM to 3:30 PM, a Duke Energy power outage in the Cary area meant we were without electricity both at the church and at both schools. Amazing how much you can still do by the light of day! As for this writing, the day is Wednesday. So far so good!

The man-made miracles that power our homes and ensure both the backup and recovery of important information we use every day are not immune to mishaps and even minor disasters. How reassuring, then, that the only rescue that

matters — our rescue from sin and death — doesn't depend on us! Neither is the proclamation of an "eternal gospel" — a message of God's victory and the claim of God on the hearts of all people of every age and in every corner of the globe — a matter left to the best tech or the smartest minds who communicate it. The author of Revelation sees GOD'S commitment to ensuring the message goes out! "Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead," he writes, "with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people" (14:6). Today, tomorrow, and every day until the end of time, that "eternal" message WILL go out! It WILL endure. It still delivers God's rescue. It still calls sinners everywhere to repentance... and worshippers in all corners of the globe to songs of praise! That's the best news there could be.

This weekend we remember the heritage of our church and the events associated with the Protestant Reformation. The oft-quoted solas, some of which emphasize that we are saved "by grace alone, through faith alone, in the Word of God alone," are just as important today as they were over 500 years ago. The Scriptures tell us that Jesus lived a perfect life, died on a cross for our sins, and rose again to give us eternal life. All of that happened "outside" of us, in real history! All so that each one of us can say, "I'm saved because of Jesus. Not because of me." That's not only Good News. It's the best news ever.

A very blessed Reformation Day to everyone! Pastor Jonathan

Prayers of the Church

Welcome to Our New Members!

Ryan and Jessica Bennett, Sophia and Hadley Tyrone and Tamala Brown Boone and Elizabeth Bishop David and Jennifer Rundle, Matthew
Matt and Betty Goodman
Brenda Harmon
Mike Letzelter
Andrew and Ashley Martin, Luke and Lydia
Theresa and Chuck Murray
Matt and Tiffany Oettinger, Zoe and Annalise
Bill Taylor
Rick and Carolyn Whitehurst
Jenna Wojkowski
Arthur Yunker

Thank you for helping them connect and get to know their RLC Family!

Mites for Missions

We will be collecting Mites for Missions at all services this weekend, **October 25 and 26**. Please place your gifts in the large purple Mite Box in the Narthex near Sanctuary Worship.

Gifts can also be made by check, payable to RLC, and mailed directly to Donna Krupcale, % Resurrection Lutheran Church, 100 Lochmere Drive West, Cary NC 27518. The large Mite Box is always available at the Welcome table in the Narthex for gifts anytime during the month.





Sign Up for Altar Flowers!



Games
Fall Snack Station
Inflatable Obstacle Course
Trunk or Treating (bring a bag!)





Donations of candy and trinket prizes are welcome.
Interested in decorating a trunk?

Sign Up Here: bit.ly/4pBsTT6

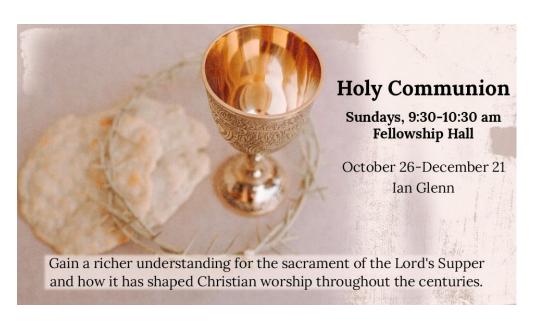
Questions? Contact Erika Hulse, Children and Family Ministry Director, at erika.hulse@rlcary.org or 919-851-7248, ext. 62.

Adult Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Morning

New Holy Communion
Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am ~ October 26-December 21
Fellowship Hall
lan Glenn

Using Luther's Small Catechism and the Bible, this class will be focused on the Lutheran understanding of Holy Communion, where it comes from in the Bible, and what we can learn about it from the early church writers. There will also be discussion on the similarities and differences between the Lutheran understanding of the sacrament with those of other Christian denominations in an effort to help prepare participants for discussions that might arise in day-to-day life. It is hoped that participants will gain a richer understanding and appreciation for the sacrament of the Lord's Supper and how it has shaped Christian worship throughout the centuries. Bring your Bible and Luther's Small Catechism. Some will be available.



Tuesday Morning

Tuesday Morning Bible Study
Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 am ~ September 2-May 19
Fellowship Hall
Pastor Jonathan Blanke, Pastor Zach Sarrault

God gives His Word to instruct, guide, and bless our lives. 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 Evening ~ Supper & Scripture

Christian Parenting
Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm ~ September 3-November 19
Room 240, Family Life Center
Erika Hulse, Children and Family Ministry Director, and Pastor Zach Sarrault

For Parents, Grandparents, Guardians - All Welcome!

Parenting happens in habits. We make meals, get in cars, answer questions, discipline, and do bedtime. 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.

New Bring Your Questions ("This Is the Church 2.0")
Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm ~ November 5, November 12, and November 19
Room 151, Family Life Center
Pastor Jonathan Blanke

Come do a slower, deeper dive than what is possible in our usual "This Is the Church" class on questions related to doctrines we teach and confess. No books other than Bibles are needed.

November 5: Faith and Politics

How does our church approach important social issues, and why?

November 12: Faith and Science

How does our church understand/receive the discoveries of science while upholding the truths of faith?

November 19: Faith and Unfaith

How does our church engage a world where rejection of the Christian faith challenges our relationships either family and friends?

Women of the Word (WOW)
Everlasting: Peaks, Valleys, and Grace in the Psalms
Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm (Fellowship at 6:45 pm)
September 3-December 10
Fellowship Hall
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. *Feel free to jump in, even though we already started!*

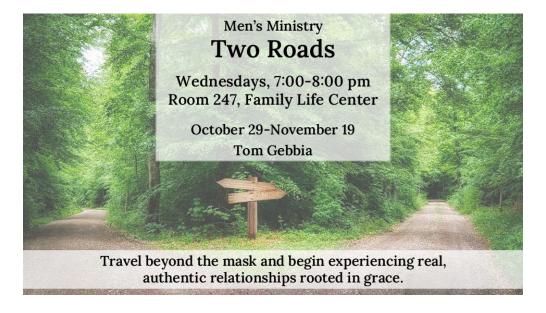
Anxious. Worthy. Ashamed. Nostalgic. Lonely. Secure. This is just a handful of emotions we observe in the Psalms – and in our day-to-day lives, too. In this women's Bible study, you'll be guided through 25 psalms, digging into their genres, perplex emotions, glimpses of Jesus, and more.

New Men's Ministry ~ Two Roads Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm (Fellowship at 6:30 pm) October 29-November 19 Room 247, Family Life Center Tom Gebbia

When many of us first met Jesus, we imagined a life full of authentic

relationships, vibrant faith, and deep joy. But down the road, we find ourselves exhausted from trying to keep up, frustrated by our habitual \ issues, or just plain burnt out. We feel like we're faking it more often than not, and bizarrely our faith communities often end up feeling like the place we need to hide our true faces the most. We thought this road would lead to abundant life, but lately it feels like a grinding drudge.

What if there was a different road? A road that led to real, authentic community — the kind where the worst parts of you can be known, and you'll be loved more in the telling of it? What if we could let our true faces be seen in our families, friendships, churches, and workplaces, and we could see others' true faces too? What if that life of being authentically known and loved is real, and Jesus is inviting you into it Through videos, discussion questions and scripture, Two Roads is designed to help the group travel beyond the mask and begin experiencing real, authentic relationships rooted in grace.

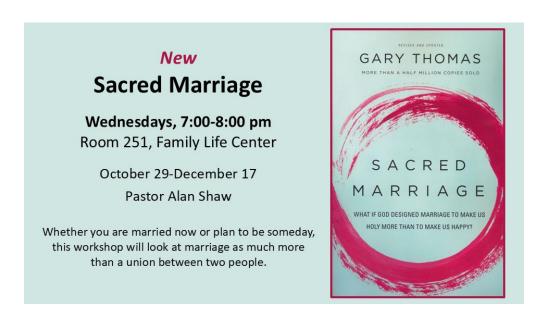


New Sacred Marriage
Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm ~ October 29-December 17
Room 251, Family Life Center
Pastor Alan Shaw

Whether you are married now or plan to be someday, this workshop will look at

marriage as much more than a union between two people. It is a spiritual discipline ideally suited to help you know God more fully and intimately. *Sacred Marriage* shifts the focus from marital enrichment to spiritual enrichment in ways that can help you love your mate more.

Whether it is delightful or difficult, your marriage can become a doorway to a closer walk with God. Everything about your marriage — from the history you and your spouse create, to the love you share, to the forgiveness you both offer and seek — is filled with the capacity to help you grow in Christ's character. Books will be provided.



View the Christian Education Booklet, Fall 2025, Session 2

Campus Maintenance Initiative (CMI)

12-month Update

Thanks to the generous patronage of our members, we've raised \$57,740 to date.

Our projects done or underway are:

- Gutters and Gutter Guards for All Buildings \$13,750
- Rear Property Line Fencing for Enhanced Safety \$25,250
- Preschool Courtyard Entrance Gates ~\$8,000

Our next focus will be updating the safety of our preschool classrooms to guard against outside threats. We have an initial estimate of ~\$30,000.

We'd like to raise the funding needed by year end. Please consider how you might help.

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

Worship in the Park Dessert Contest Winners

Congratulations! Thank you for your yummy treats!

3rd Place: Marcia Shaw - Apple Pie Squares

2nd Place: Karl Gerdes - Banana Chocolate Chip Cookies

1st Place: Susan Brandt - Apple Pie Bars

Thank you to the Judges - Elena, Addisu, and Pastor Jonathon - for your service!

Wednesday Evening Dinners

Join us for dinner on Wednesdays, 5:15-6:00 pm in the Family Life Center Gym!

Dinners are prepared for all ages with a buffet style setup including dessert. There can be a vegetarian option upon request. Excellent opportunity to bond with family and friends, new and old, over a sit-down meal!

All are welcome! Online reservations at <u>rlcary.org</u> requested by 12:00 pm on Monday each week.

Suggested donation of \$7 per person or \$25 per family. Cash, check, or card payable at door. If you plan to attend multiple dinners, you may reserve and pay in advance.



Menu for October

October 29: Soup and Chili*, Bread, Salad, Fruit, and Pie

*We would appreciate donated soups and chilis.

November 5: Momma Mia's, Salad, Fruit, and Brownies

November 12: Quiche, Salad, Fruit, and Cinnamon Rolls

*November 19: Sushi Iwa General Tso and Chicken Lo Mein, Salad, Fruit, and Ice Cream

*This will be the last dinner of the year. They will resume on Wednesday, January 7, 2026.

Interested in volunteering to help with set up, serving, and cleaning? <u>Sign up today!</u>

Questions? Contact Kim Simpson through RCB or the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org). We look forward to seeing you!

Christmas Music Festival

What Sweeter Music, accompanied by an orchestra and including the singing of familiar carols, including *Silent Night*, *Angels We Have Heard on High*, *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*, *Joy to the World*, *O Come All Ye Faithful*, special music, and narrative from Holy Scripture, will be presented at the 8:00 and 9:30 am Worship Services on Sunday, December 14.

All youth and adults are encouraged to participate in this exciting preparation for Christmas. Rehearsals for What Sweeter Music are scheduled for **Wednesdays**, **8:00-8:30 pm**. A choral "dress" rehearsal is scheduled for Saturday, December 13 at 1:00 pm.



If you are interested in participating, please contact Bob Unger at the church office and/or be present at one the initial rehearsals. It is okay if you are not able to attend all the rehearsals, we would rather you attend as your schedule allows, than to exclude yourself from participating in this wonderful opportunity.

Employment Opportunity

Resurrection Lutheran Church is seeking a dedicated and organized individual to fill the role of **Church Office Assistant**. This vital position supports the overall operations of our church, ensuring smooth administrative functions, and a welcoming environment for all who interact with our ministries.

This part-time, morning position is 20 hours per week. Responsibilities include general office duties, data entry, and preparation of weekly bulletins using Microsoft Office products.

It is important to be organized, ability to multi-task, possess general computer knowledge, and a willingness to learn. In addition, an important aspect of this church office position is to convey a caring and welcoming attitude.

If interested, contact Pastor Jonathan Blanke at <u>jonathan.blanke@rlcary.org</u> or 919-851-7248, ext. 22.





Saturday, November 1

We will use the Taize format of worship for the Saturday, 6:00 pm service.

A darkened setting with candles, singing of short ostinato refrains of Biblical and liturgical phrases, periods of quiet for reflection, the celebration of communion, readings, and sermon.

Bagel Bunch

Beginning **Tuesday**, **November 4** through the winter, the Bagel Bunch will be meeting on Tuesdays, 7:30 am at IHOP (1301 Kildaire Farm Road, Cary).

We meet weekly for coffee, breakfast, devotions, and fellowship. All men are welcome, come when you can.

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

Resurrection Blood Drive V Nov 11th

17 Time Slots Available

Veterans Day Nov 11th (Tues) @ RLC 1:00-6:00

- RLC donor goal: 36 pints
- Donations used locally at WakeMed & UNC Health
- Donors can redeem rewards for a \$30 gift card
- 30 pints = \$500 donation to Guardian's Haven
- · Snacks and fellowship provided
- · For Info call Steve Best or church office

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Support Veterans and First Responders

Sign Up: bit.ly/44TfzkL



Help decorate the church for Christmas, order a poinsettia!

Pick up an order form at the Information Tables in the Narthex and Family Life Center lobby. Cost is \$15 per plant with a choice of red or white flowers.

Orders are due by Wednesday, November 12.

Place your completed order form and check made payable to RLC in the office mailbox of Susan Moore or mail to 100 W. Lochmere Drive, Cary NC 27518.

You may take home a plant after the 10:00 am worship service on Christmas Day. Plants not claimed will be donated.

The Last Coffeehouse for Special Needs Adults for 2025

Friday, November 14

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 last Coffeehouse of 2025 is **Friday**, **November 14** from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Family Life Center Gym. *The Every Voice Choir and Olliver Harper Fultz* will be performing for us.

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



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.

Children and Family Ministry



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

Our youth have been engaged in Youth Group activities based on the themes: *Spiritual Conversations* (High School - free curriculum provided by Lutheran Hour Ministries) and *Friends in Faith* (Middle School).

Sure, it looks like we just play games, but we are learning how to have tough conversations and/or how to build faith filled friendships through scripture, study, and activities.

*Thank you to our leaders - Christa Newcomb, Kevin Shaw, Dave Breiler, Dave

Edeal, and Garett Douglas, our beloved doorman. Your presence makes a difference!

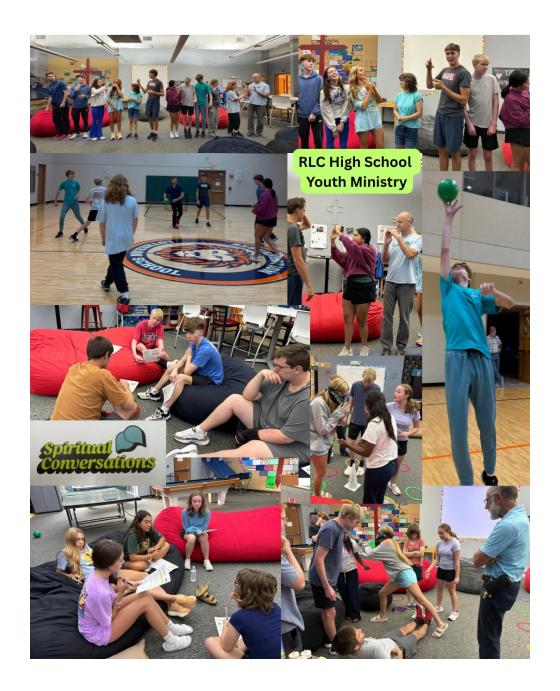
*A huge thank you goes out to the church member who donated lots of snacks to our youth!

Sunday School for Middle and High School Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am The Warehouse, Room 253, Family Life Center

No High School Youth Group

Sundays, 6:30-8:00 pm

The Warehouse, Room 253, Family Life Center



Middle School Youth Group Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm The Warehouse, Room 253, Family Life Center



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

Resurrection Lutheran Preschool



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

Resurrection Lutheran School

Back-to-Back TMSC Champions!

Our RLS Volleyball team wrapped up their season by winning the Triangle Middle School Conference Championship! The Lions finished tied for first place in the regular season and went on to capture their second consecutive TMSC tournament title.

We're so proud of this amazing group of athletes for their teamwork, dedication, and sportsmanship. A huge thank you to our 8th graders for their leadership and to Coach Altenbach for his outstanding guidance throughout the season.

What a fantastic finish to an incredible year of volleyball!



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.

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.

This Week's Visual Faith Sheet

Weekly Attendance

In-Person Worship Attendance:

Saturday, October 18 6:00 pm - 56 Sunday, October 19 8:00 am - 66 No 9:30 am Service 11:00 am - 358

Total In-Person Worship: 480

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel:

Sunday, October 19 8:00 am - 110 No 11:00 am Live Stream

Total Online Views: 110

Financial Update - Fiscal 2024/25

September 2025

Budgeted Giving to Date: \$353,400 Actual Giving to Date: \$369,181

Current Over/(Under) Giving: \$15,781

Budgeted Expenses to Date: \$380,000 Actual Expenses to Date: \$359,812 Current Under/(Over) Spend: \$ 20,188

Questions? Contact finance@rlcary.org.

Church Calendar





100 Lochmere Drive West, Cary NC 27518

<u>rlcary.org</u>

919-851-7248 | office@rlcary.org

Prayers of the Church - October 26, 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

Ongoing Cancer Treatments

*Mike Allen, Anne Price, Angie Price, Alison Zieglmeier, Carol Diliberto, Jackie, Kathy Siemon, Scott Brinkley, Hope Mackelprang, Melissa Huntsman, Sue, Kathy, Pamm Haley, Bob, Michael Murphy, *Greta Nelson, *Marina de Moura Torres, Ames, Emily, *Alison Whatley, Joe Huley, Lyn Becksford

For Expectant Moms

*Renee Guerin, *Alyssa Shaw, Ally Brown, *Melaney Unger Campos

Those Prayed for on October 19, 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
- Herbie Campau, Successful Procedure, Mother of *Tom Campau
- Selling of Home

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, Kathy Stegall
- *Greta Nelson
- Pastor William Otto, Cancer Treatment and Surgery
- *Pam Dickson
- *Stephanie Ford

- Betty, and Others with Dementia
- *Mindy Stephani, Recovery and Restoration
- Terrie Johnson, Mother of *Jen Kirby
- *Alison Whatley
- Bryon, Recovery from Brain Injury
- Carrie Heilman, Cancer Treatment, Daughter-In-Law of *John and *Virginia Heilman
- Dave, Brother-In-Law of *Susan Brandt
- Clare Roberts, Recovery, Mother of *Michelle Wood
- *Charlie Shiel
- *Charlotte Raines
- Cynthia Wyse, Recovery
- Brian Gorneau, Recovery from Accident at Home
- *Fern Frusti
- Deb, Sister of *Pam Dickson
- Tyler, Recovering from Burns, and His Family Supporting Him
- Belle, Cancer Return, Healing
- Jeri Breitsprecher, Recovery, Mother of *Sue Campau, Recovery and Guidance for Her Family
- Mike Hodgins
- *Clinton Peterson
- Kathy Mitchell
- Khari Otten
- Tommi
- Ryan
- Henry, Grandson of *Mark and *Pat Otten
- Makayla
- *Sandy Eckstein
- Carli
- Hayes Gonzales, 4-year-old with Cancer, Healing
- Jake Lambert
- Dee Dee Morris, Recovery in Rehab from Broken Hip Surgery, Grandmother of *Susan Moore
- Linda, Karl, Ricky, Jean, Gaylon, Carly, Karen, Cecilia, Larry, Olevia, Jessica, Bev, John, Emily, Gabe, Catherine, David, Trish, Lois, Charlotte, Kathy, Pat, Kristy

For Comfort

- Family and Friends of Cheri Spitz, Former Resurrection Lutheran Preschool Director
- Family and Friends of Doug Gill, Dedicated Coffeehouse Servant for Many Years
- Family and Friends of Graydon Sims, Brother of *Donna Krupcale
- Family and Friends of *Irene Daehnke

For Provision, Peace, Strength, and Patient Endurance

- Persecuted Christians
- People Around the World Affected by Natural Disasters and Weather Events
- 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
- Annie Ruth Ford, Mother of *Dennis Ford
- *Eric and *Jill Hammergren
- *Jan Wozniak
- Jan and Rich Bloom
- *Ginny and *Ed Koren
- *Meredith A.
- *Fran Xenakis
- *Carol Mitchell
- Those Enduring Marriage Struggles and Families in Turmoil
- Wisdom and Discernment for Our Government and Leaders
- Those Seeking Jobs and Career Changes, and Federal Workers, Especially Malcolm, Jamie, Rose
- Victims, Families, and Communities Suffering with Gun Violence
- Dorothy Conners
- *Jim and *Thelma Rhodes
- *Anita Moore
- Rundle Family
- Marion Cecconi, Mother of *Lecia Roberts
- *Helen Campbell and the *Roth Family
- *Kathy Rihani

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 Alan Shaw, Intentional Interim Pastor at Peace Lutheran Church, Goldsboro NC
- 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
- Eastern NC Lutheran Via de Cristo

For Our Missionaries

• JP and Aimee Cima, Cambodia

<u>Click here for the Cima Family Newsletter!</u>

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 Updated 10/21/25