

Second Sunday After The Epiphany

January 18, 2026



Pastor's Corner for January 18-24

Of More Value than Many Sparrows (Luke 12:7)

A beloved television show has returned for another season: All Creatures Great and Small (PBS). Season 6 Episode 1 just premiered last weekend. Why do I like this show so much? Maybe because it is filmed in the Yorkshire Dales. There are endless views of spectacularly beautiful scenery. Another reason, I suspect, is (you guessed it) the animals! Who doesn't delight in the image of a knowledgeable vet tending to the needs of rheumy-eyed cows or faithful and hardworking sheepdogs? But I think the characters on the show are what really have me hooked. They are dedicated to their vocation. Sigfried, Tristan, and James are not only hardworking veterinarians. They do what they can to care for the people in their community, too. A farmer who is struggling to make ends meet, an elderly neighbor who is living alone, a grieving family, or a young

person who is just trying to find his way in life...all are people with “wounds” to be tended. As a result, we viewers are led time and time again to the realization that—as important as the animals are—the HUMAN life depicted on the show is especially sacred, beautiful, and a thing to be cared for. It is all based on the life of a real man: James Herriot. But *All Creatures Great and Small* is, of course, pure fiction. Perhaps even a bit of escapism. Still, the message of the season premiere comes at an opportune time for a focus on the sanctity of human life this weekend at RLC.

Tending to human life from its very beginning to its end is our calling as Christians—though the culture of violence in which we find ourselves in the real world can make it challenging to stand up on behalf of human life in all of its diversity and stages of development. Jesus once spoke to those who feared others who could “destroy the body” with these words: “Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don’t be afraid. You are worth more than many sparrows!” (Lk 12:6-7) Jesus would demonstrate just how much more you and I and all the world are worth...not only by healing those distressed in body and spirit. He would ultimately give up His own life on a cross. All so that you and I might enjoy Life that begins today and lasts forever! He empowers us to be His voice to a world on edge and numb to the many threats to physical and emotional well-being: No matter who you are, you are valuable. You matter. You are a person created in God’s image. Human life is sacred in God’s eyes. It is important to us too.

I know I stand alongside all of you in saying how grateful I am that the sanctity of human life “from the womb to the tomb” is a priority at Resurrection! We call upon the grace of God to empower us to speak up for, work for, and provide for all human life to the best of our abilities.

Join us this weekend as we highlight the work of our congregation in tending to the needs of the disabled, those in prison, the unborn, the elderly, and so many more. As you do, prayerfully consider your own involvement and what God is empowering you to do to support human life today!

Special Voters' Meeting February 1 @ 12:30 PM

Please join us for a special voters' meeting February 1 as we gather to discuss the results of a Ministry Expansion Campaign Preliminary Study and what recommended next steps might be. We will gather in the main sanctuary. Please take time out of your busy schedule to join us!

Peace and joy,
Pastor Jonathan

Please note, the church office will be closing early (1:00 pm) on Friday, January 16 and will be closed on Monday, January 19 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Prayers of the Church

Sanctity of Life Sunday

January 18, 2026

As we celebrate and mark the sanctity of life this year, the Human Care Committee would like to share how our church family affirms life all year long through our own ministries and our ministry partners.

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod states in their Creedal Response to Life

Why do we love and care for life at all stages?

God the Father Created us. Every life is a gift.

God the Son redeemed us. Every life is hallowed.

God the Holy Spirit sanctifies us. Every life is purposeful.

Our church provides financial support, prayer, and many volunteers to those who are:

Hungry: NeighborUp (formerly Western Wake Crisis Ministry and Dorcas Ministries), Food Bank of NC, Meals on Wheels, Inter-Faith Food Shuttle

Disabled: Blind Ministry, The Coffeehouse

Unhoused: Habitat for Humanity, Families Together, PLM

In Prison: Prison Alliance

End of Life / Chronic Illness: Transitions of Wake County, Lutherans for Life

Sharing God's Love in the Southeastern District: Mission Partners SED, Mid-Atlantic Lutherans in Mission

Seeking Prenatal Care: Gateway Women's Center, NeighborHealth

Seeking Family Focused Affordable Healthcare: NeighborHealth

Seeking Support Through Family Crisis: Safe Families for Children

Recovering from Disaster: Lutheran World Relief, Helene Recovery (Through Mission Partners SED and Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Asheville)

The Human Care Committee will provide a Temple Talk and brochure information regarding many of these organizations on **Sunday, January 18**. Please come visit our display, ask questions, pick up a brochure, volunteer to help or join our committee!



[Sign Up for Altar Flowers!](#)

Christmas Store

Resurrection Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your generosity and partnership in collecting toy donations for this year's Christmas Store. Because of your willingness to participate, you helped make Christmas brighter for families right here in our community.

Through your support, the Christmas Store was able to serve **877 children from 396 families**, offering parents the dignity of choosing new toys to give their children at Christmas. Your efforts — hosting toy collections, encouraging participation, and sharing the heart of this mission — played a vital role in making that impact possible.

We are deeply grateful for your time, energy, and compassion. It's a joy to partner with organizations like yours to serve local families.

Thank you again for being part of this meaningful work. We look forward to continuing this partnership in the future!

With sincere appreciation,
Christmas Store

Adult Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Morning

Christianity's Influence on American Literature
Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am ~ January 4-February 15
Fellowship Hall
Larry Cameron

A nation's culture is defined in large part by its literature. Since many of our earliest settlers came seeking freedom to practice their Christian faith, much of what they wrote reflects a rich Biblical heritage. Writers in following generations continued that tradition.

We will examine poetry and prose selections from more than a dozen famous American writers, including Anne Bradstreet, John Greenleaf Whittier, Countee Cullen, Nathaniel Hawthorne, and Stephen Crane. This study will reveal how widespread, and enduring has been the Bible's influence on our literature.


All materials will be provided in each session. Please bring your Bible as we trace the links between Scripture and each literary selection. Some will be available.

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

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Led by Larry Cameron



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

Christian Parenting - The Spiritually Vibrant Home

Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm ~ January 7-February 11

Room 240, Family Life Center

Erika Hulse, Children and Family Ministry Director, and Pastor Zach Sarrault

We all long for homes where we can thrive and flourish. What does it take to have a spiritually vibrant household? Don Everts invites us to contemplate what the Bible says about households and consider what a new research project has revealed by pulling back the curtains on everyday households of faith.

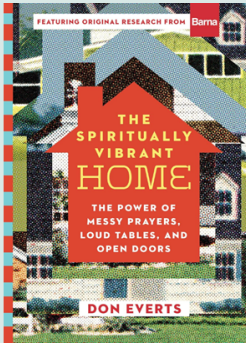
The project shows that some of the healthiest, most vibrant homes extend beyond the nuclear family and include people that may not be biologically related but feel like family. In the end you might just be surprised by how God wants to work in and through your household. And you'll have practical steps for nurturing a vibrant household of faith, no matter what stage of life you are in.

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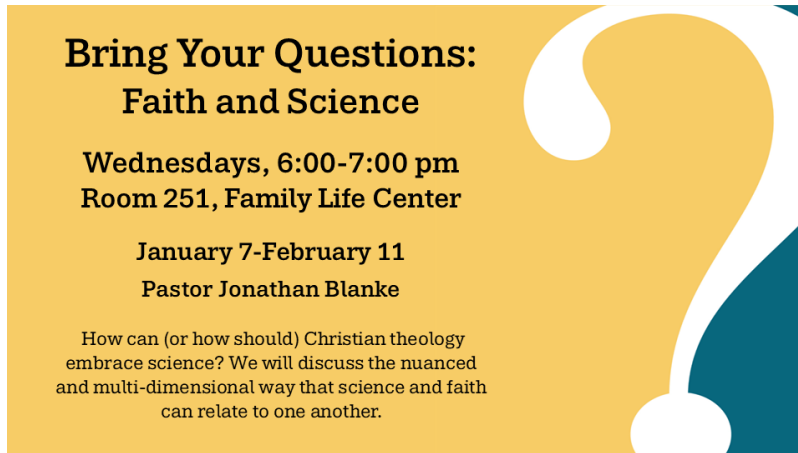
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Room 251, Family Life Center

Pastor Jonathan Blanke

This class will be an in-depth examination of a topic introduced this past fall in Pastor Jonathan's "Bring Your Questions" class. How can (or how should) Christian theology embrace science?

Using the Bible, a report of the Commission on Theology and Church Relations of the LCMS (In Christ All Things Hold Together), and a variety of other Christian resources, we will discuss the nuanced and multi-dimensional way that science and faith can relate to one another. Topics included will be "Reading God's Word," "Science in the Christian School Classroom," "Theology of the Cross vs. Theology of Glory," and more.



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Women of the Word (WOW) - Chosen: A Study of Esther

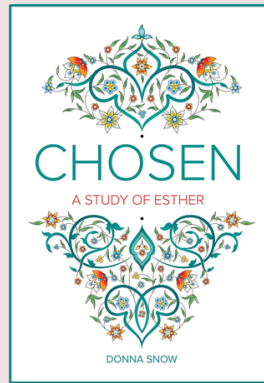
Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm (Fellowship at 6:45 pm) ~ January 7-May 20

Fellowship Hall

Jamee Thieme and Study Leader, Shane Jarvis

You're invited to study the Book of Esther. The setting: A lavish feast in the opulent Persian Empire. The event: a beauty contest. The plot: save a nation from annihilation. In this study, see that God's presence is ever abundant in your life, and that God gives you the courage to live fearlessly as Esther did. Learn the historical context of the Book of Esther to enrich your understanding of God's Word.

The book, *Chosen: A Study of Esther* by Donna Pyle is available for self-purchase. A Zoom group version of this will be available on Mondays, 7:00-8:00 pm.



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Men's Ministry - A Study in Ruth

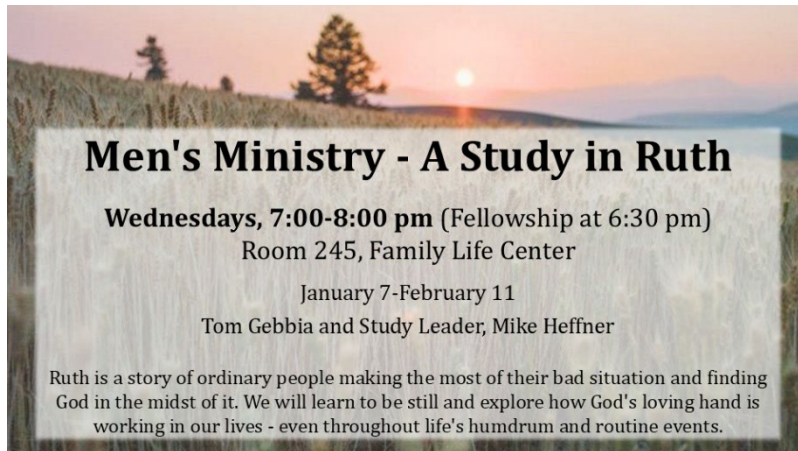
Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm (Fellowship at 6:30 pm) ~ January 7-February 11

Room 245, Family Life Center

Tom Gebbia and Study Leader, Mike Heffner

The book of Ruth tells an unforgettable tale of purity, faithfulness, innocence, loyalty, duty, and love. Yet it is set in dark times - during the period of the judges - which is best described as an era of political and religious decentralization, frequent warfare, moral decline, lawlessness, and spiritual apostasy. This is foreshadowed in the final verse of the book of Judges, which precedes Ruth, and tells us that "in those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes" (Judges 21:25).

Against this backdrop of strife and chaos, Ruth is a story of ordinary people making the most of their bad situation and finding God in the midst of it. The book of Ruth corrects the belief that our lives must be extraordinary to be useful. Whether our circumstances are difficult, seemingly mundane, or somewhere in between, God is always working His purposes out. Throughout this study, we will learn to be still and explore how God's loving hand is working in our lives - even in the midst of life's humdrum and routine events.



[View or Download the Christian Education Booklet, Winter 2026](#)

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

DivorceCare

Resurrection will be hosting a DivorceCare Support Group on **Mondays, 6:30-8:30 pm, starting January 19-April 20** in Room 151, Family Life Center.

This 13-week program supports people who are going through separation and/or divorce and provides practical tools offering more than support – it also offers the love and presence of Christ.

Workbooks are required to get the most benefits and are available when participants register at DivorceCare.org (Find a Group, look for Resurrection Lutheran Church).

Contact Sue Campau through RCB for more details, or to volunteer with helping facilitate and greet participants.

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!

Menu

January 21: Danny's BarBQ, Potato Salad, Hush Puppies, Salad, Fruit, and Banana Pudding

January 28: Swedish Meatballs with Noodles, Salad, Fruit, and Cake

All are welcome! Online reservations at rlcary.org 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. Note: If you plan to attend multiple dinners, you may reserve and pay in advance.

Food & Fellowship for the Blind



Resurrection's Ministry
for the Visually Impaired meets

Friday, January 30

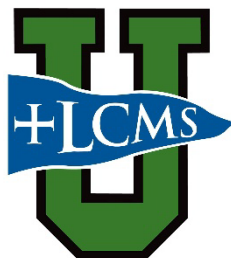
5:30-7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Contact Annette Langefeld-Kennedy to learn more and for volunteer needs,
or the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).

LCMS-U @ NCSU

After a successful end to a wonderful 2025 Fall Semester, LCMSU @ NCSU is looking forward to starting back up in January for the 2026 Spring Semester. Our second meeting will be on **Friday, January 30** from 7:00-8:30 pm at the NC State Study Center (201 Brooks Avenue, Raleigh). We will have an extended period of food and fellowship before closing the night with "A Brief Service of the Word".

If you or someone you know is interested in joining us, please reach out to [Jonathan Madler](#) or Pastor Alan Shaw (alan.shaw@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.

Ways to Support Mission Work at Resurrection Lutheran Church

The Cross-Cultural Mission Engagement Team (CCMET) offers many ways for you to support mission work at Resurrection Lutheran Church, including serving on the committee, prayer, and financial support.

Looking to support mission work financially? There are several opportunities to do so:

1. Financial gifts to the current RLC Together In Mission Fund (TIM) support full-time LCMS missionaries.

For example, TIM funds now partner RLC with J.P. and Aimee Cima who serve the Lord in Cambodia. As gifts allow, our Cross-Cultural Mission Engagement Team plans to expand the use of TIM funds to support more LCMS missionaries.

2. Financial gifts to the new Cambodia Mission Trip Fund support short-term mission trips of our church.

To get started, in March, funding is needed to send Pastor Jonathan and CCMET member Paul Brandt to Cambodia to explore how RLC can positively impact mission work there.

Later in March, funds are needed as CCMET member Erika Hulse will spend about a week with the Stronghold Cambodia organization to

explore sending an RLC mission team there.

Watch for the opportunity for members of our church community to serve the Lord in Cambodia through the short-term mission trips that result from these exploratory trips.

If you have questions about TIM or the Cambodia Mission Trip Fund, please reach out to Pastor Jonathan at jonathan.blanke@rlcary.org or [Paul Brandt](#).

Appalachia Service Project

The ASP Experience

Appalachia Service Project provides one of the most rewarding structured service opportunities in the nation — bringing thousands of volunteers from around the country to Central Appalachia to repair and replace homes for low-income families.

Since 1969, ASP has made homes warmer, safer, and drier for families and provided transformational service experiences for volunteers. Learn more: [Appalachia Service Project | Mission Trips in Appalachia](#)

Resurrection Lutheran Church participated in ASP Summer Mission Trips in years past. Kevin Kuhl (Former ASP Youth Team Member, Current Adult Leader for High School, Youth Ministry) is interested in reviving this popular servant event again.



June 14 -20, 2026



Sign up NOW!

If you sign up by Jan. 31, your \$50 deposit is covered

RLC specific code: 17086

Interested in being a part of bringing back this ministry to RLC, contact Kevin Kuhl

[Register Here!](#)

Kevin Kuhl can be reached through RCB, or the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).

International Festival

The International Festival will be **Tuesday, February 24**. Displays will be from 6:00-7:00 pm. Enjoy dinner from the food truck from 5:00-7:00 pm.

He's got the whole world in His hands and we want to learn about the many countries He holds in His care and international missions. *This is a whole campus event!* Families from RLC, RLS, and RLP are ALL invited.

There are two ways to participate - come as a participant to learn and

explore or host a table representing a country for others to visit.

Interested in hosting a country table? Displays can include artifacts from the country, an easy craft for children to make and take, a food sampling or simple game. Please be sure to have a designated person or persons taking turns manning your booth. Sign up here: bit.ly/4pKBvq5

If you have questions, contact Erika Hulse at erika.hulse@rlcary.org.

Men's Ministry

Mark your calendars! The 2026 Men's Retreat and Service Event will be held on **March 13-15** at Camp Agape.



Please consider joining the planning team. Let Tom Gebbia know if you have questions or an interest at mens-ministry@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 & Family Ministry News January 2026

Important Dates:

January 7 - Kidz Live, 6:00-7:00 pm, Gym

January 11 - Sunday School Resumes, 9:30-10:30 am

January 31 - Family Service Project for First Responders





All classes are held in the Family Life Center.

January Moms Night Out

Saturday, January 24 at 6:00 pm

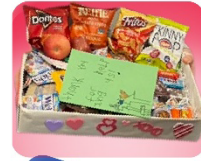
Adventures in Bloom, Downtown Apex

Make a Charm Bracelet or Necklace

RSVP to Lauren Patton or Erika Hulse



First Responder Service Project



Families are invited to donate snack items, help assemble and/or deliver snack baskets to local first responders.

Questions? Erika at erika.hulse@rlcary.org



**Saturday, January 31 at 10:30 am
in the Fellowship Hall**



Sign up here:

bit.ly/4joENx3



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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

If you are interested in the ASP Mission Trip, registration is due by February 1st. For more info, contact Kevin Kuhl.

Sunday, January 18:

Sunday School for Middle and High School, 9:30-10:30 am

High School Youth Group, 6:30-8:00 pm

Wednesday, January 21:

Middle School Youth Group, 6:00-7:00 pm



All events, unless noted, held in 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

**Enroll NOW for
2026-27**

Resurrection Lutheran
PRE SCHOOL

Registration is now open!

**+ Classes for 2's, 3's, 4's,
young 5's- including TK +**

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 **2025-26 preschool year.**



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 1 – 4 (9:15-12:30)

June 8 – 11 (9:15-12:30)

June 15 – 18 (9:15-12:30)

RLChurch VBS June 22-26

Neighbors, friends, & family welcome!

Look for Brochures & Registration forms in January

Mark Your Calendars!

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

Resurrection Lutheran School

Donuts and Open Gym/Playground Success!

A huge thanks to our parent volunteers, especially Rob and Alissa Pointer, for creating a fun and yummy playtime for families. Thanks to all who came for fellowship and fun as we build community and connection at RLS!



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.

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, January 10
6:00 pm - 51

Sunday, January 11

8:00 am - 100

9:30 am - 162

11:00 am - 99

Total In-Person Worship: 412

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel:

Sunday, January 11

8:00 am - 93

11:00 am - 51

Total Online Views: 144

Financial Update - Fiscal 2024/25

November 2025

Budgeted Giving to Date: \$589,000.00

Actual Giving to Date: \$605,259.90

Current Over/(Under) Giving: \$ 16,259.90

Budgeted Expenses to Date: \$633,33.33

Actual Expenses to Date: \$578,288.45

Current Under/(Over) Spend: \$ 55,044.88

Questions? Contact finance@rlcary.org.

Church Calendar



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Prayers of the Church – January 18, 2026

*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, 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

*Melainey Unger Campos, Hannah Peterson, Sarah Hulse, Alison Aiello

Those Prayed for on January 11, 2026

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
- Resurrection Lutheran Preschool Director-Elect, Elizabeth Lynnes

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, Healing 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
- Clare Roberts, Recovery, Mother of *Michelle Wood
- *Charlie Shiel
- *Charlotte Raines
- Cynthia Wyse
- Brian Gorneau, Recovery from Accident at Home
- *Fern Frusti
- Deb, Sister of *Pam Dickson
- Tyler, Recovering from Burns, and His Family Supporting Him
- Belle and Hayes, Childhood Cancer
- *Clinton Peterson
- Kathy Mitchell
- Khari Otten
- Tommi
- Ryan
- Henry, Grandson of *Mark and *Pat Otten
- Carli
- Kyler
- *Yvette Crawley, Healing and Recovery
- Lorrie Muller, Cancer Treatment
- *Cheryl Roth, Healing and Rehab
- *Jan Wozniak, Healing and Rehab
- *Amelia Sarrault, Healing
- Patrick Tray, Surgery and Recovery
- Helen Houser
- *Jamee Thieme, Knee Surgery and Recovery
- Carolyn, Peace of Mind and Healing
- Those with the Flu
- Greta, Herbert, Kay, Fran, Kathy, Carol, Matt, Brianne, Knox, Nove, Jackie, Barb, Sharon, Karen, Carly, Linda, Gaylon, Ricky, Jessica, David, Catherine, Stella, Jan, Kathy, Bill, Brittany, Carolyn, Walter, Gabby, Barbara, Mike, Jan, Addison, James, Gary, George, Mark, Gene, Lois, Walter, Kim, Mindy, Melissa, Marcus, Sara, Jamee, Shelby, Alex, Ron, Ruby, Caroline, Dave, Jake, Julie, Herbie, Jeri, Joe, Keyaan, Jack, Sandy, Yoneka, Eric, Billy

For Comfort

- Family and Friends of Sheila Pegram, Mother of *Heather Hildale
- Family and Friends of *Ed Koren, Especially Wife *Ginny Koren and Son *Rob Koren
- Family and Friends of Mark Bolebruch, Family Friend of the *Rasmussen Family
- Family and Friends of Chris Higgins, Cousin of *Susan Moore

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
- Safety and Thanksgiving for People Helping with Recovery Efforts
- People of Ukraine, and All Those Who Serve to Support Them
- People of Israel and the 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 Koren
- *Meredith A.
- *Fran Xenakis
- *Carol Mitchell
- Our Government and Leaders
- Those Enduring Marriage Struggles and Families in Turmoil
- Those Seeking Jobs and Career Changes
- Victims, Families, and Communities Suffering with Gun Violence
- Dorothy Conners
- *Jim and *Thelma Rhodes
- *Anita Moore
- *Rundle Family
- Marion Cecconi, Mother of *Lecia Roberts
- Those in Process of Selling and Purchasing Homes
- Jeri Breitsprecher, Mother of *Sue Campau, Managing Mental Decline and Guidance for Her Family
- New Stephen Ministry Class
- Safety for Hunters
- Congregation Preliminary Study for Possible Capital Campaign
- Resolution of Discord in Families, Family Reconciliation
- Heating Affordability for Families in Need
- Safe Travels and Team Success for Boys and Girls Basketball Team in Lutheran Tournament at Concordia in Hickory

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
- Pastor Jon Richter, Discernment in Serving
- Resurrection Lutheran Church and Schools Staff
- Area Pastors and Schools Staff
- Our Stephen Ministers
- Our Caring Presence Ministry
- Divorce Care Program, Beginning Early 2026

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
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*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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