

# Fourth Sunday After The Epiphany

February 1, 2026

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*Pastor's Corner for February 1-7*

## **Character-Forming (Micah 6:1-8)**

Is the faith journey for followers of Jesus all about us GIVING something TO God that God needs from us... or is it all about us GETTING something FROM God that we need from Him?

I think you know the answer. GOD doesn't really need anything from us. WE need—I need—what only He can give me: His grace and mercy... His kindness to me in Christ Jesus! But I ask the question because it's easy to hear that famous passage from the Old Testament today and reduce it to a moralizing T-shirt slogan for all humanity (translation: someone other than "me") to "give" to God: "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" Is doing what is right and going the extra mile

to love another person God-pleasing, even when it's hard? Of course! The problem is I almost always see the need others have to do that, and ignore God's calling for ME to grow in doing what He desires.

The Good News is that Jesus humbled himself to become obedient unto death, even death on a cross (Phil. 2:8). The Good News is that Jesus loved mercy: He forgave sins, He preached, taught, healed and raised the dead of those He met during His earthly ministry. And the Good News is that Jesus took part in God's justice! He took upon Himself our failures, our pride, our judgements of others. Jesus has rescued us from ourselves. And now, by His Spirit, He is at work in you and me to hear God's call to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with Him. Whether that means listening patiently to somebody even when we don't want to, standing up for another person who has been wronged, or serving willingly and without recognition, He is there to give us His grace.

God is patient. He is at work in you and me to build the character of Jesus in each of us. It is what we need. It's what the world needs, too! So I invite you to tune in to what the prophet Micah has to say today. It's not a message about what God needs from someone else. It's all about what you and I need from God... and continue to receive, by the grace of Jesus Christ... to be at work in the world that God loves!

**Please Take Time to Pray as We Gather for a Special Voters' Meeting February 8 @ 12:30 PM**

All Resurrection Lutheran Church voting members (confirmed, signed the church constitution, and old enough [18] to vote on financial/legal matters in the state of North Carolina) are invited to gather for a special meeting February 8 as we discuss the results of a Ministry Expansion Campaign Preliminary Study and what the recommended next steps for us as a congregation might be. We will gather in the main sanctuary. Please take time out of your busy schedule to be there!

Peace and joy,  
Pastor Jonathan

## Prayers of the Church

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Out of an abundance of caution, we will be **cancelling all church worship services and on-site church activities from Saturday, January 31 through Sunday, February 1** because of an imminent winter storm forecast to begin in our area sometime late tonight and extend into early Sunday morning. An extreme cold weather watch is also in place until later in the morning on Sunday together with strong winds gusting up to 45 miles per hour in that time frame.

As we did last week, our Communications Specialist Susan Moore will send out a link with pre-recorded worship content that will be uploaded to our church's YouTube channel ([youtube.com/@ResurrectionLutheranCary](https://youtube.com/@ResurrectionLutheranCary)) some time before Sunday morning. Please be on the lookout for that.

As roads and bridges are expected to be unsafe, I hope and pray that we can all stay home and watch this abridged worship service together!

Please note,

- First Responder Service Project scheduled for Saturday evening will be rescheduled for Wednesday, February 4 at 6:00 pm in the gym;

- Dementia Care Presentation scheduled for Sunday afternoon at 1:30 pm will be rescheduled for a later date;
- Stephen Ministry Training Class on Sunday at 2:00 pm will meet via Zoom.

As always.... the peace of the Lord be with you!

Pastor Jonathan

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### **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.

**Cambodia Mission Trip Fund**

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Pastor Jonathan and CCMET member Paul Brandt will travel to Cambodia in March to explore how RLC can positively impact mission work there.

Erika Hulse will travel to Stronghold Cambodia to explore sending an RLC mission team in the future.

[Click to Donate!](#)

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

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## Adult Bible Study Opportunities

**No Sunday Morning This Week!**

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

January 4-February 15  
Led by Larry Cameron

An illustration of a stack of books and a pencil. The stack consists of five books of varying heights and colors (green, blue, orange, yellow, and light blue). A pencil is positioned vertically between the books, pointing upwards.

**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.

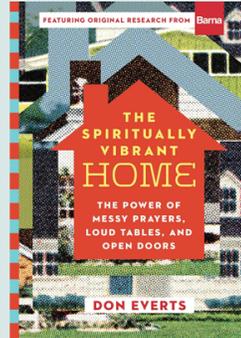
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## Bring Your Questions: Faith and Science

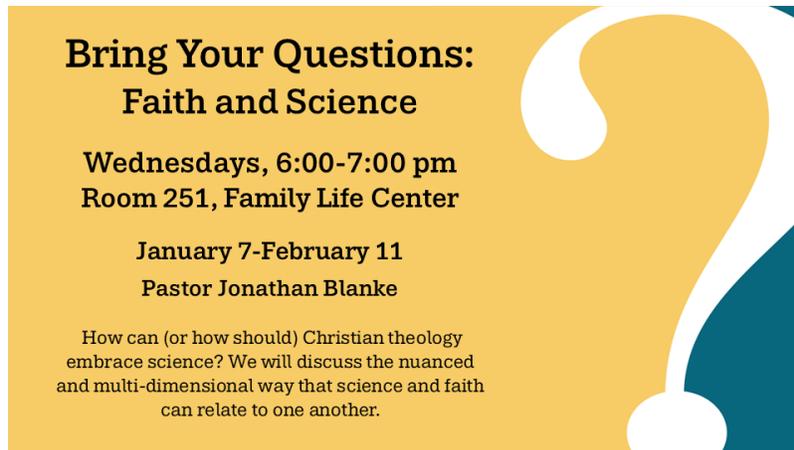
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Room 251, Family Life Center

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.



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

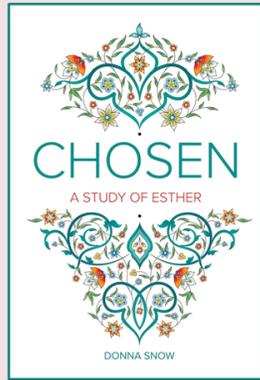
**Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm (Fellowship at 6:45 pm) ~ January 7-May 20**

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**

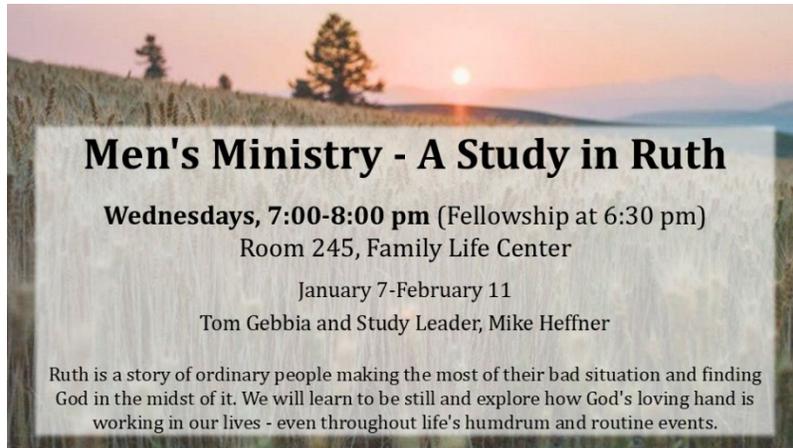
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Room 245, Family Life Center

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](mailto:office@rlcary.org) or 919-851-7248.

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## DivorceCare

Resurrection will be hosting a DivorceCare Support Group on **Mondays, 6:30-8:30 pm**, 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](http://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.



RSVP to Marcia Shaw through RCB or the church office (919-851-7248, [office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org)).

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### 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:**

**February 4:** Bocci's Lasagna and Penne Marinara, Garlic Bread, Salad, Fruit, and Cherry Cheesecake

**February 11:** General Tso Chicken, Chicken Lo Mein, and Beef with Veggies from Sushi Iwa, Salad, Fruit, and Ice Cream

**\*February 17:** Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (Free Will Donation Supporting Our Youth Ministry)

**February 18:** Ash Wednesday (No Dinner or Activities)

**February 25:** Ham and Scalloped Potatoes, Salad, Fruit, and Cake

All are welcome! Online reservations at [rlcary.org](http://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.

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## First Responder Service Project



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



**Wednesday, February 4  
6:00 pm  
Family Life Center Gym**



Sign Up: [bit.ly/4joENx3](https://bit.ly/4joENx3)

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

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## Special Voters' Meeting

**Sunday, February 8 at 12:30 pm**

Sanctuary

We will gather to discuss the results of Ministry Expansion Campaign Preliminary Study and what recommended next steps might be.

Please take time out of your busy schedule to join us!

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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.

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### **Following Naomi**

The Following Naomi Widows' Group will be meeting on **Thursday, February 12** at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be Paul Brandt and he will be talking about "The Herods". Hope to see you there!

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

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### **The Next Coffeehouse for Special Needs Adults**

Friday, February 13

We thank all our volunteers who help us to have wonderful Coffeehouses! We couldn't do it without our faithful volunteers. Please come be a volunteer! Our special needs guests love to attend 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](https://bit.ly/3VAtWW0)

The next Coffeehouse is **Friday, February 13** from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Family Life Center Gym. The *Back Porch String Band* will be performing for us.



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

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# Men's Breakfast



**Saturday, February 14**  
**8:00 am**  
**Fellowship Hall**

Come gather for fellowship, food, and message.  
All men welcome!

Contact Tom Gebbia at [mens-ministry@rlcary.org](mailto:mens-ministry@rlcary.org).

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## Interested in becoming a church member?

We want build on the importance of regular in-person worship, encouraging one another in our calling as followers of Christ Jesus. We have some great opportunities coming up that do just that!

First, we will have a **Welcome to Resurrection Brunch on Saturday, February 14** from 10:00-11:30 am. We try to meet all our guests at worship, but we know we miss some of you. Even those we do meet, we don't get to know you very well. This Brunch is an opportunity for us to get to know you better. and you get

to know who we are too! What will happen? Eat good food, have good conversation, and tour our facilities. Kids are invited!

Next, we offer **This Is the Church (February 11, 25, March 4, 11, 18, and 25)**. This class takes a close look at what we believe as Christians. It is a great opportunity for everyone, whether you're coming from another denomination, new to the Christian faith altogether, or simply want to review the basics of the Christian faith according to the Lutheran tradition.

For planning purposes, please RSVP to Pastor Zach at [zach.sarrault@rlcary.org](mailto:zach.sarrault@rlcary.org) or 919-851-7248, ext. 23.

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## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Join us for the Best *All You Can Eat* Pancake Supper, Pancake Races, and Fellowship on **Tuesday, February 17 from 5:30-7:00 pm** in the Family Life Center Gym! Free Will Offering with proceeds to the next LCMS Youth Gathering.

We need many hands to make this a success! [Please sign up to help.](#)

Questions? Contact Kim Simpson through RCB, or the church office (919-851-7248, [office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org)).

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## International Festival

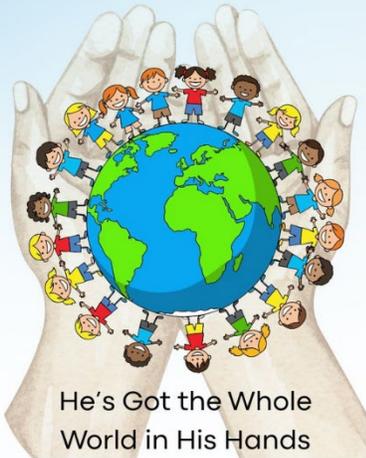
The International Festival will be held on **Tuesday, February 24**. Country displays will be open from 6:00-7:00 pm, and a food truck dinner will be available for purchase from 5:00-7:00 pm.

*He's Got the Whole World in His Hands* – and we want to learn about the many countries He holds in His care and the work of international missions. **This is a whole-campus event!** Families from RLC, RLS, and RLP are all invited.

There are two ways to participate: 1) Attend as a Participant to Learn and Explore or 2) Host a Table Representing a Country for Others to Visit.

Resurrection Lutheran Preschool Students and Resurrection Lutheran School Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten Students will sing at 6:30 pm.

**Interested in hosting a country table?** Displays may include artifacts from the country, a simple craft for children to make and take, a food sampling, or an easy game. Please be sure to have a designated person (or persons) taking turns staffing your table.



# International Festival

Learn facts about countries,  
listen to songs,  
sample food,  
play a game,  
make a craft  
&  
fill your passport!

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

**Tuesday  
February 24**  
Food truck 5-7 pm  
Festival 6-7 pm  
Gym

Sign up to host a country here: 

Sign up here: [bit.ly/4pKBvq5](https://bit.ly/4pKBvq5)

If you have any questions, please contact Erika Hulse at [erika.hulse@rlcary.org](mailto:erika.hulse@rlcary.org).

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Would you prefer a magnetic nametag?



We are looking at making a group order, as the more we order the lower the cost. The cost would be between \$12 and \$15 each depending on how much interest there is.

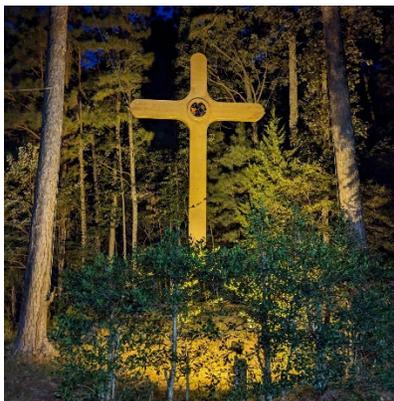
If interested, please email [margaret.hyatt@rlcary.org](mailto:margaret.hyatt@rlcary.org) with your preferred name.

Once we see how many respond, we'll get back to you with the final cost and confirm you want us to order your nametag(s). Thanks!

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## 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](mailto:mens-ministry@rlcary.org).

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## Giving Statements

Giving Statements through end of year 2025 and Offering Envelopes are available in your church mailbox.

Please review for inconsistencies. Any questions or requests, please contact [finance@rlcary.org](mailto:finance@rlcary.org).

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# Children's Ministry News February

**Nursery** - Birth - 3-year-old child(ren) - The Nursery is staffed by screened volunteers Sunday mornings during 9:30 worship. Available for family use whenever needed.

**Sunday School** - PK to 5th graders - Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30 Bible stories, games, crafts and fun!

**Kidz Live** - PK to 5th graders - Feb 4 and 11 from 6-7 pm in the Gym

**KICKS** - 3rd-5<sup>th</sup> graders - February 11 from 6-7 pm in the Gym

### Important Dates:

No Sunday School February 15

International Festival - February 24 at 6 pm in the Gym

Jerusalem Marketplace - Easter Event- March 15th at 3 pm

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

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## **Youth Ministry**

Middle School and High School

Blessings to all of you! Are you preparing for another winter blast? It is amazing to see all this wintry weather, but hopefully you are able to find the blessings in between. For a short month there is a lot packed in. I hope that you can be a part of it.

### **Sunday, February 1:**

**No** Sunday School for Middle and High School, 9:30-10:30 am

**No** High School Youth Group, 6:30-8:00 pm

### **Wednesday, February 4:**

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



All events, unless noted, held in The Warehouse, Room 253, Family Life Center.

### February Service Project - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

**Tuesday, February 17** (5:00-7:15 pm for serving)

I will have aprons for all who show up to be Youth Servers. Proceeds will help to raise money for the **YOUTH GATHERING 2028** in San Antonio, Texas.

Parents, we need you too! Feel free to also sign up for cleanup, setup, working in the kitchen, etc

Sign Up: [Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 2026](#)

Questions? Contact Jenny Piontek, Youth Director,  
at [jenny.piontek@rlcary.org](mailto:jenny.piontek@rlcary.org) or 919-851-7248, ext. 24.

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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 (RLP) is looking for caring, dependable individuals who enjoy working with young children. Enthusiasm, patience, and a love of working with and teaching 2-year-olds to young 5-year-old children is important, as well as being part of the team of the RLP Staff.

Although a degree in early education would be ideal, experience with children is considered. Our program is half day and works well with elementary/high school families' schedules.

If interested or you know someone that may be interested, contact Diane Hooper at [director@rlpcary.org](mailto:director@rlpcary.org) or 919-851-7270. Resumes may be sent to this email address.

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## Resurrection Lutheran School

**20%  
SALES TO  
THE PSO!**

**RLS SPIRIT DAY  
@ RUCKUS PIZZA**

**TUESDAY FEB 3<sup>RD</sup>  
11 AM - 8 PM  
TRYON VILLAGE  
8111 TRYON WOODS DR, CARY**

Join your Resurrection family and friends  
for Pizza, Pasta, Wings, and more!  
Mention **RLS Spirit Night** for dine-in or  
take out orders and 20% of Sales\* will go  
to the RLS PSO!

\*20% donation does not apply to third party services (e.g. Door Dash) and it is  
recommended not to use coupons as this will reduce the donation amount

[rlscary.org](http://rlscary.org) | 919-851-7271 | [contact@rlscary.org](mailto:contact@rlscary.org)

**Latest Lion's Tale**

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For online services, connect through our YouTube channel at [youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC](https://youtube.com/ResurrectionLutheranChurchCaryNC) or through our website at [rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship](http://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](mailto:office@rlcary.org) for assistance.

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## This Week's Visual Faith Sheet

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### Weekly Attendance

#### In-Person Worship Attendance:

Saturday, January 24 - *cancelled due to weather*  
6:00 pm -

Sunday, January 25 - *cancelled due to weather*  
8:00 am -  
9:30 am -  
11:00 am -

**Total In-Person Worship: 0**

#### Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel:

Sunday, January 25  
Online Worship - 309

**Total Online Views: 309**

### Financial Update - Fiscal 2024/25

#### December 2025

Budgeted Giving to Date: \$813,200

Actual Giving to Date: \$800,463

**Current Over/(Under) Giving: \$ (12,737.00)**

Budgeted Expenses to Date: \$760,000

Actual Expenses to Date: \$711,135

**Current Under/(Over) Spend: \$ 48,865**

Questions? Contact [finance@rlcary.org](mailto:finance@rlcary.org).

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## Church Calendar



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## Prayers of the Church – February 1, 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

\*Melaine Unger Campos, Hannah Peterson, Sarah Hulse, Alison Aiello

#### Those Prayed for on January 25, 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
- Camp Agape, New Executive Director
- Sanctity of Life Sunday, and All of the Ministries RLC Supports

#### For Healing

- \*Kim Goss
- All Those Who Have Illnesses - COVID, RSV, Flu, Viruses
- Blind Ministry Guests - Maria and Jeff Barker, Linda Jones, Judy Dean, 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
- Patrick Tray, Surgery and Recovery
- Helen Houser
- \*Jamee Thieme, Knee Surgery and Recovery
- Carolyn, Peace of Mind and Healing
- Dick Huffman
- Addison
- Mike Hodgin
- Evelyn Bloom
- \*Carol Klevenow, Pain Support

#### **For Comfort**

- Family and Friends of Ed Bolte, Friend of \*Mel Talenski
- Family and Friends of Olevia Miller
- Family and Friends of Arzania "Zook" Williams III
- Family and Friends of Bill Vittoe
- Family and Friends of Ruby Franklin, Blind Ministry Guest
- Family and Friends of Helen, Grandmother of \*Jenny Piontek

#### **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
- Safety for Hunters
- Congregation Preliminary Study for Possible Capital Campaign
- Resolution of Discord in Families
- Heating Affordability for Families in Need
- High School Students Finals

**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  
[Click here for the Cima Family Newsletter!](#)

*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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