

First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2026



Pastor's Corner for February 22-28

Life with the Father (Matthew 4:1-11)

"I can do it myself!" Yes, we're in that stage in the Sarrault house. One of our two girls (you pick who it is!) is feeling very independent lately, and most of the time it's ok. I'm proud of her for growing up and feeling more independent. After all, that's how you figure things out in the world, giving her more responsibility can be helpful too. But then there are the times when it's dangerous for her to do it on her own; walking through a parking lot, climbing into a full bathtub (with little sis already there), getting daddy's tools from the shed, spraying products in the toilet. If we let her do these things on her own, she's bound to get hurt. When we stop her, she might get mad and try to do it anyway or run away, screaming and crying. As much as she thinks we're being mean and holding her back, it's because we love her and want her to stay safe (and alive).

We never really grow out of that do we? No matter our age, we think we can do this life on our own. I'm not just talking about "Do It Yourself" projects (that we use YouTube for anyway) but living life without God. We think we can survive in this world, and the next, without walking with Jesus. We neglect Bible reading, prayer, and weekly worship. We tell God, "I can do it myself!" and when He tries to reign us in, we run away screaming and crying. We forget that God's only goal is to keep us safe and alive. To do that, we need to do life with God.

This is what we see Jesus living out when He is tempted by the devil. The first thing satan tells Jesus in the wilderness is, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." The temptation isn't to eat breakfast, it's to do life without the heavenly Father. "You don't need God because you are God" is what the devil's saying. Jesus responds, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." If the Son of God needs God the Father to resist temptation, stay safe, and live life well, then so do we.

This Lenten season, where is God calling you to stop doing life on your own? Oddly enough, sometimes the best way to let God do the work in our lives is by doing nothing at all. Just be there with God. Where is God calling you to do nothing and just be with Him?

Your ever-reliant brother in Christ,
Pastor Zach Sarrault

Prayers of the Church



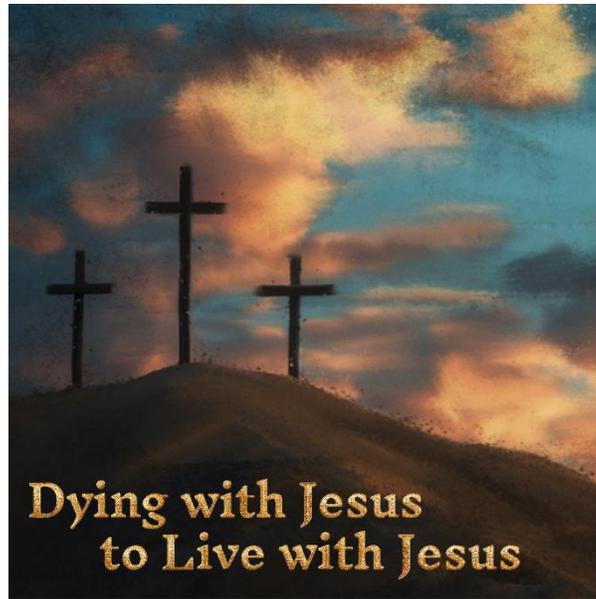
Saturday, February 21

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.

**Join us in the Family Life Center for
our interactive Wednesday Lenten services!**

This Lenten season, we will focus on the death of Jesus and our participation in that death, how our sins are dead so that we may live with Jesus today and for all eternity!



**Wednesdays, 6:00 pm
February 25-March 25**

Focus for February 25:

Baptism can be treated as a one-time event, but it is something that affects our lives every single day. More than affects us, it is active with us. In that little event of Water and the Word, we have died with Christ and brought to eternal life with Him.



Families are encouraged to attend.
Dinner is available starting at 5:00 pm. [Sign up online.](#)

Please note adjusted schedule for Wednesdays during Lent.

Lenten Offerings for 2026

Offerings received during the Lenten Midweek Worship Services this year will be divided equally between Esteamed Coffee and Lutheran Braille Workers. RLC's Coffeehouse and Blind Ministry serve these two communities through monthly activities.

Please place your offerings in the specially marked offering envelopes or denote "Lenten Offerings" on your check.

Esteamed Coffee

Esteamed Coffee® is a 501(c)(3) non-profit coffee shop and cafe located in Cary, NC. Our mission is to lower the unemployment rate and increase the quality of life for adults with intellectual, developmental, communication, and/or visual disabilities by creating meaningful jobs and social opportunities in a warm, supportive environment.

Learn more: [Esteamed Coffee](#)

Lutheran Braille Workers

Lutheran Braille Workers exists to bring the Word of God to the 338 million people throughout the world who are Blind or Visually Impaired, completely free of charge, in Braille and Specialized Large Print.

Learn more: [Lutheran Braille Workers](#)

Thank you for your generosity in supporting these important ministries!

Ministry Expansion Campaign

At last Sunday's Voters' Meeting, the voters agreed, by a vote of 98-9, to proceed with the Ministry Expansion Campaign with the help of Walsh & Associates.

Thanks to all who attended and gave meaningful input during the meeting. The Council is now working with Walsh to begin the process. You may find the slides used during the meeting and the Walsh report that was handed out in the RCB (Entire Church Group) part of our RLC Website.

Campaign Assistant Needed

Resurrection Lutheran Church is seeking to fill a temporary position to assist with a special fundraising campaign. The position will run from April to September, approximately 10 to 20 hours per week.

Duties include assisting with campaign communications; organizing various meetings and events; tracking enlistment and solicitation assignments and results, campaign commitments, income and expenses; maintenance of campaign records and files; and production of various reports.

Qualified candidates must be computer savvy and have working knowledge of Microsoft Office Products (Word, Excel, Access etc.), a pleasing and positive personality and excellent communication skills, and should be willing to work a flexible schedule with some evening and weekend work required.

Qualified candidates should send cover letter and/or resume to Ruby Sanchez at ruby@walshfundraising.com by March 2, 2026. Compensation will be commensurate with experience.

Adult Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Morning

New Archaeology and the Bible

Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am ~ February 22-April 12

Fellowship Hall

Paul Brandt

Attend to learn how archaeology and the Bible intersect, to gain information that will build your understanding of God's Word, and perspectives to share with biblical skeptics in your life. Bring your Bible, your curious mind, and a friend.

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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

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

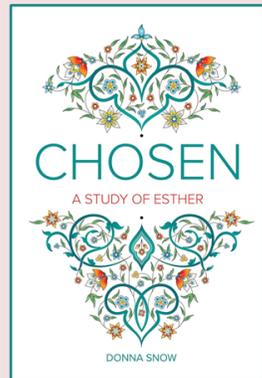
Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm (Fellowship at 6:45 pm) ~ January 7-May 20

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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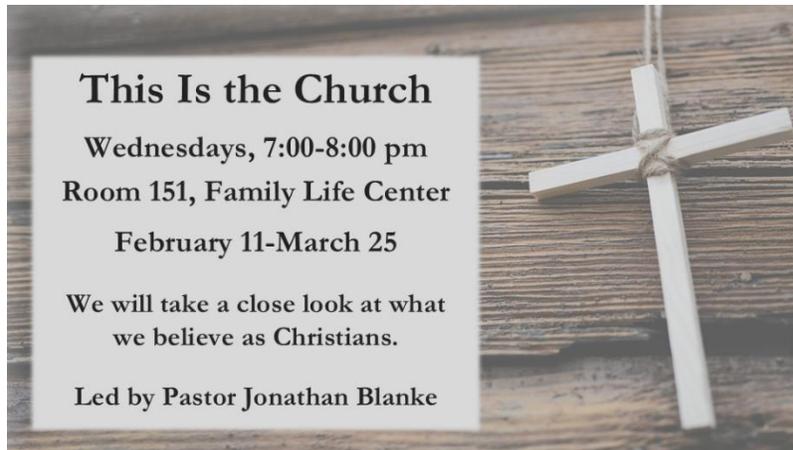
This Is the Church

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm ~ February 11-March 25

Room 151, Family Life Center

Pastor Jonathan Blanke

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.



New Men's Ministry ~ Nurturing Your Faith: Life to the Full

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm (Fellowship at 6:45 pm) ~ February 25-March 18
Room 245, Family Life Center
Tom Gebbia

In *Nurturing Your Faith: Life to the Full*, Rev. Dr. Travis Scholl speaks to the abundant life we have in Jesus Christ. This new life is born of the Spirit's gift of faith to us that leads to life everlasting. In our present, time-bound faith journey, we humbly follow our Shepherd as He directs our steps, reveling in His creation while loving and serving those around us.

We were born for a God-centered and abundant life. This we have through faith in our risen and victorious Lord Jesus whose life, death, and resurrection have won for us the forgiveness of our sins. As Scripture tells us, "God is love," and His agape love is of the highest kind. It's selfless, never-ending, and freely given. And it sets the perfect example of how we should be for others.

Men's Ministry
NURTURING
YOUR FAITH:

*Life to
the Full*



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Room 245, Family Life Center
February 25-March 18

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New *The Gift of Empathy*

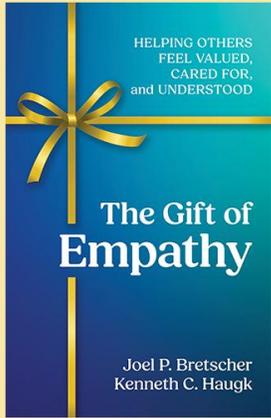
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Room 251, Family Life Center

Pastor Alan Shaw

Imagine a world where everyone's go-to way of relating is empathy. *The Gift of Empathy* takes a fresh look at this important skill, examining what empathy is and isn't, offering practical guidance for empathizing well, and showing how to respond with empathy in all kinds of situations and settings. With ready-to-use principles, this class will empower you to better understand, connect with and empathize with family, friends, coworkers, and others you may relate to.

We will be using the book, *The Gift of Empathy*, which is available at stephenministries.org. Don't miss this opportunity to learn the valuable skill of empathy towards others!



The Gift of Empathy

HELPING OTHERS
FEEL VALUED,
CARED FOR,
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Joel P. Bretscher
Kenneth C. Haugk

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

• **YOUNG FAMILIES** •
gathering



Join us on
Sunday, February 22 at 4:00 pm
at the Home of Jeff and Corinne Watson
(412 Brightling Way, Holly Springs)
for Food, Fellowship, and Fun!

Please bring a side dish and/or dessert.
RSVP to Jeff and Corinne Watson, or Pastor Zach.

DivorceCare

Resurrection is 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 (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.

International Festival

The International Festival will be held on **Tuesday, February 24**. Country displays will be open from 6:00-7:00 pm, and dinner can be purchased from Craft Food Truck from 5:00-7:00 pm. They will be offering pretzels, nachos, burgers, chicken tenders, cookies and more!

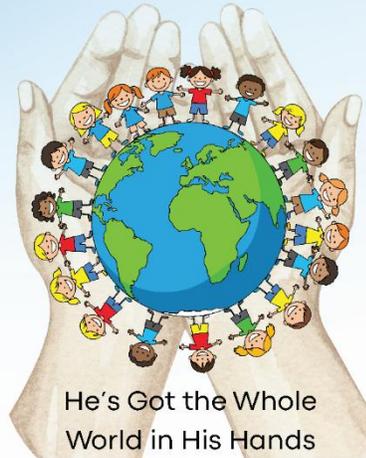
Resurrection Lutheran Preschool students and Resurrection Lutheran School Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten students will sing at 6:30 pm.

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.

International Festival

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



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

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

Supper and Scripture Adjusted Schedule for Lent

5:00-5:45 pm

Dinner - [Online Reservations by Monday Noon](#)

5:00-5:30 pm

Jubilee Bells (2nd-6th Grade)

5:30-6:00 pm

Rainbow Choir (4 years-1st Grade)

Sonshine Singers (2nd-6th Grade)

6:00-6:45 pm

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Men's Ministry - Nurturing Your Faith: Life to the Full

The Gift of Empathy

Confirmation

Heavenly Handbells

8:00-9:00 pm

Sanctuary Choir

Wednesday Evening Dinners



Join us for dinner on **Wednesdays, 5:00-5:45 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 25: Ham and Scalloped Potatoes, Salad, Fruit, and Cake

March 4: Momma Mia's Pizza, Salad, Fruit, and Brownies

March 11: Soup & Chili (Donated), Bread, Salad, Fruit, and Pie

March 18: Jersey Mike's Subs, Chips, Fruit, and Cookies

March 25: Baked Ziti and Meatballs, Garlic Bread, Salad, Fruit, and Ice Cream

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.

Good Friday Tenebrae Worship

The Suffering Servant by K. Lee Scott, accompanied by a chamber orchestra and including narrative from Holy Scripture, will be presented at the 7:00 pm Good Friday Tenebrae Worship Service, Friday, April 3.

All youth and adults are encouraged to participate in this exciting preparation for Holy Week. Rehearsals for *The Suffering Servant* are scheduled for **Wednesdays, beginning February 25, 8:00-8:30 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.

Food & Fellowship for the Blind



Resurrection's Ministry
for the Visually Impaired meets

Friday, February 27

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).

LMCSU @ NCSU

We will start the Season of Lent together for our second meeting on **Friday, February 27** from 7:00-8:30 pm at the NC State Study Center (201 Brooks Avenue, Raleigh). Since it is our second meeting, we will have an extended period of fellowship filled with games and snacks before closing the night with a new service called "A Service of Prayer and Preaching". Pastor Jon Richter will be with us once again for this service as well.

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



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.

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 with your preferred name. Please have your request in by February 28.

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!

Kairos Prison Ministry

Prayers Wanted

Kairos is a prison ministry serving Central Prison in Raleigh. Kairos volunteers will be going into Central Prison, March 4-6, to minister to 42 residents to help them lead the Christian community in the prison; we meet in the prison gym.

One of the activities is to hang a prayer chain on the wall around the gym. Each link of this paper chain has a name of someone who will be praying for us that

weekend. The chain will wrap around the gym several times and contain several thousand links. Residents look at the links on breaks, and they find it very encouraging.

Please, using the brightly colored forms in the Narthex and Family Life Center, to put a name in the space (first name only) and some words of encouragement. You can put your name, as well as the name of others who will pray. Volunteers will pick up the forms on **Tuesday, March 3**; then gather to create the paper chains.

Prayer works, and we thank you so much!



Learn more: [Kairos Prison Ministry | Bringing Hope and Healing to Incarcerated Individuals](#)

Cross-Cultural Mission Engagement Team (CCMET)

Cambodia Mission Trip Fund



SCAN ME

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

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.

Come run, jog, or walk with us!

The Stewardship of Life & Health has organized a group to participate in the "Run the Peak" 5k in downtown Apex on **March 7**. Whether you're a beginner or experienced runner, we'll give you a training plan to help you prepare.



Contact Anthony Johnson or Art Berger through RCB to join the 5k Group. Sign up for the RLC Fitness email newsletter to stay informed about all our fitness-related activities: bit.ly/3KUN5A8

Easter Flowers

Due March 8

Easter comes early this year! It's time to order flowers to be used in the Easter services. Choose from Lily (\$15), Hydrangea (\$25), and Azalea (\$25). Orders are due by Sunday, March 8.

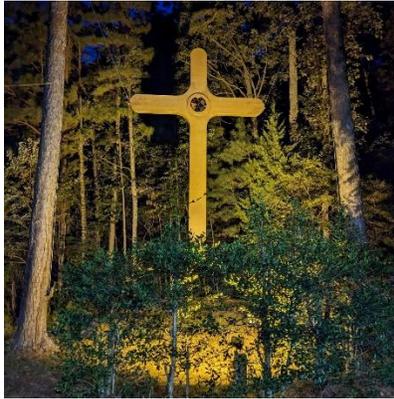
Forms available in the Narthex and Family Life Center. You may also email office@rlcary.org or call 919-851-7248 with your order. Payment can follow.

Make checks payable to RLC and place in the Church Office mailbox. Plants are from Williams Plant Farm. You may pick up your plants to take home after the last Easter service on Sunday, April 5.

Men's Ministry

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

Our theme will be *Equipped to Be a Man of God as Witnesses* (Acts 1:8) and Pastor Zach Sarrault will lead.



Please consider joining the planning team. Let Tom Gebbia know if you have questions or an interest at mens-ministry@rlcary.org.

The Next Coffeehouse for Special Needs Adults

Friday, March 13

We thank all our volunteers who help us to have wonderful Coffeehouses! We couldn't do it without our faithful volunteers. Please come join us! Our special needs guests love to attend, and we need lots of volunteers to make them feel special and loved. We thank God for this ministry among us!

We need setter uppers at 5:30 pm (both food and room), serving folks at 6:30 pm, and cleaner uppers at 8:30 pm. Sign Up: bit.ly/3VAtWW0

The next Coffeehouse is **Friday, March 13** from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Family Life Center. *Will Woltz* will be playing for us.



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

Stephen Ministry Dementia Training

Join us on **Sunday, March 15** from 1:30-3:30 pm in the Family Life Center for a special presentation led by Melanie Bunn from the Dementia Alliance of North Carolina.

Learn practical, faith-based ways to support individuals and families affected by dementia with compassion and understanding. **All are welcome!**



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

Men's Softball

Attention Men: Spring is just around the corner. Time to grab your glove and cleats and join your fellow church members in representing RLC in the Town of Cary's Men's Open League. Games will be played Tuesday and Thursday nights late March through June.



If you are interested in joining us for some exercise, fun, and fellowship, please see Adam Brake or send an email to mens-softball@rlcary.org. Practices will start the second week of March. All sign-ups must be made by March 22.

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-5th 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

You are invited to visit Jerusalem Marketplace at Resurrection Lutheran Church!

During this Easter event, families will visit the marketplace tables to learn about what life was like in Bible times. Be sure to visit the barnyard to pet the live animals.

All participants will receive Easter candy after their tour through Jerusalem.

Jerusalem Marketplace An Easter Adventure

Sunday, March 15
3-4 pm

Live Animals
Hands-on Activities
Fun for all!

Main Church Building



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

Sunday, February 22:

Sunday School for Middle and High School, 9:30-10:30 am
High School Youth Group, 6:30-8:00 pm

Wednesday, February 25:

No Middle School Youth Group, 6:00-7:00 pm

We break for Lent. Plan to attend the Lenten Midweek Services!



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 (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 or 919-851-7270. Resumes may be sent to this email address.

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

Resurrection Lutheran School



rlscary.org
Junior Kindergarten-8th Grade

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/@ResurrectionLutheranCary 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, February 14
6:00 pm - 52

Sunday, February 15
8:00 am - 113
9:30 am - 192

11:00 am - 96

Ash Wednesday, February 18

7:00 pm - 235

Total In-Person Worship: 688

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel:

Sunday, February 15

8:00 am - 129

11:00 am - 84

Ash Wednesday, February 18

7:00 pm - 74

Total Online Views: 287

Financial Update - Fiscal 2024/25

January 2026

Budgeted Giving to Date: \$931,000

Actual Giving to Date: 914,521

Current Over/(Under) Giving: \$ (16,479)

Budgeted Expenses to Date: \$886,666.67

Actual Expenses to Date: \$819,733

Current Under/(Over) Spend: \$ 66,933.67

Questions? Contact finance@rlcary.org.

Church Calendar



100 W. Lochmere Drive, Cary NC 27518

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919-851-7248 | office@rlcary.org

Prayers of the Church – February 22, 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

Hannah Peterson, Sarah Hulse, Alison Aiello

Those Prayed for on February 15, 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
- Church Council and Voters' Meeting
- Belle, Cancer Free, Childhood Cancer
- Don's Medical Treatment Breakthrough

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
- *Fern Frusti
- Deb, Sister of *Pam Dickson
- Tyler, Recovering from Burns, and His Family Supporting Him
- Hayes, Childhood Cancer
- *Clinton Peterson
- Khari Otten
- Tommi
- Henry, Grandson of *Mark and *Pat Otten
- Lorrie Muller, Cancer Treatment
- *Cheryl Roth
- *Jan Wozniak, Healing
- Helen Houser
- Carolyn, Peace of Mind and Healing
- Dick Huffman
- Addison
- Mike Hodgin
- Evelyn Bloom
- *Carol Klevenow, Pain Support
- Herbie Campau
- Justin Shellaway, Brain Tumor Surgery
- Jim Brooks, Treatment Will Eradicate Cancer
- Carli, Recovery from Addiction
- Eldred, Carly, Karen, DeAnn, Jean, Gaylon, Ricky, Greta, Larry, Brenda, Davis, Catherine, Barbara, Peggy, Tina, Susan, Graeme, Melissa, Marcus, Jan, Carolyn, Becky, Ray, Joy, Gabby, George, Gary, Walter, Gene, Lois, Addison, Bob, Sharon, Shelby, Ron, Elaine, Ashley, Noreen, Sylvia, Sue, Richie, Suzanne, Carrie, Bill, Jeff, Jack, Sandy, Bill, Billy, Douglas, Keyaan, Joe, Lynne, Jeri, Herbie, Julie, Jake, Marie, Mindy

For Comfort

- Family and Friends of Ruth Anderson, Aunt of *Eric Heise
- Family and Friends of Paul Heise, Uncle of *Eric Heise
- Family and Friends of Natalie Hamilton

For Provision, Peace, Strength, and Patient Endurance

- Persecuted Christians
- World Peace

- 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
- Resolution of Discord in Families
- Heating Affordability for Families in Need
- Protection from Severe Winter Temperatures
- Mercy and Protection for the People of Minnesota

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
- DivorceCare Program

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
- Upcoming Mission Trips to Cambodia, especially for Pastor Jonathan, Paul Brandt, and Erika Hulse

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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