



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

MARCH 2026

From the Pastor

The Spirit in the Dust

(Romans 8:1-17)

It has already been over a week since we gathered at church on Ash Wednesday. Lent has begun! We continue to hear in our worship life together those words from the prophet Joel: "Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love." The ashes are long washed off. But we continue to live out that life of repentance that is all about keeping the eyes of our hearts on Jesus and journeying with Him to His cross.

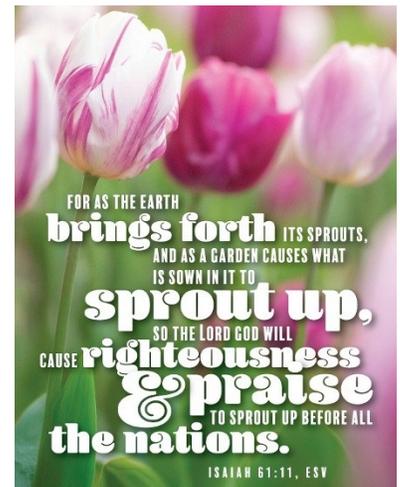
St. Paul would have us do so with the assurance that the Holy Spirit accompanies us on that journey. The tendency for us is to find places in our lives where we're "stuck" or feeling powerless or living in fear of God's pay-back for something we've done. Lent begins with ashes,

but Paul encourages us to live out our Lenten journey with the assurance "There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."

Did you hear that? Paul uses the word "now." The diagnosis of our human condition God reveals to us in His Word is simple: We cannot fix ourselves. It is not possible to rely on will-power to achieve personal holiness. We cannot outrun our failures. But in Christ Jesus the Holy



Spirit lives in us now! The Holy Spirit gives life now! And yes, on one future day, the Spirit will raise our mortal bodies with new resurrected ones! That means the Holy Spirit doesn't wait until we improve ourselves to start working in and through us. Through His Word and Sacrament, the Holy Spirit goes to work immediately, moving into the very places of our lives we feel most defeated and lost. You see,



Dates of Interest:

- Ladies Lunch.....Mar 4
Following Naomi.....Mar 12
Men's Retreat.....Mar 13-15
Coffeeshouse.....Mar 13
Dementia Event.....Mar 15
Jerusalem Market.....Mar 15
Youth Late Night.....Mar 20
Discover RLC.....Mar 21
TaizeMar 21
Blind Ministry.....Mar 27
Palm SundayMar 28/29

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Archaeology and the Bible

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

February 22-April 12

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

Led by Paul Brandt, class will be six sessions.

Bring your Bible, your curious mind, and a friend.

No class held on March 15* and April 5.



*Note, March 15 will be a make-up class with Larry Cameron for *Christianity's Influence on American Literature* in Fellowship Hall.

Lent isn't about "proving" your repentance is real. It's about discovering God's gift to you in Christ, to be at work today in those very parts of your life you may have thought were beyond repair.

Jesus Christ has already borne the condemnation for sin that you and I deserve. That means the Holy Spirit is not a reward for progress but Jesus' gift for the helpless! And so the words "There is now no condemnation" is not just a future verdict—it is a present reality spoken over sinners who still feel like dust.

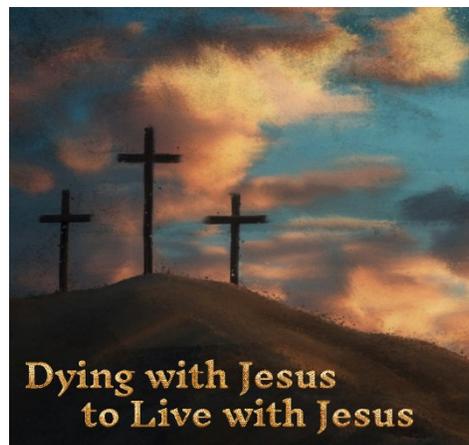
I find that to be liberating and enlivening. Look inside this newsletter at all of the RLC March events. I encourage you to not only take time out from the busy-ness of life to reflect and give thanks for the suffering and death of Jesus on Calvary's cross. Lent does not mean life stops or stands still. I pray that the Spirit in the dust of Lent for you this year may again be a call to action and focus on the cross of Jesus.

Hosanna to the King of Glory!
Pastor Jonathan

Join us for our interactive Wednesday Lenten services!

We will worship together in the Family Life Center following our Wednesday dinner, enjoying a family atmosphere.

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

Dinner is available starting at 5:00 pm. [Sign up online.](#)

Check the weekly announcements for adjusted schedule during Wednesdays in Lent.



Holy Week Observances and Easter Sunday Celebration

Palm Sunday | March 28 & 29

6:00 pm ~ Sanctuary Worship with Holy Communion on Saturday

8:00 am, 9:30 am ~ Sanctuary Festival Worship with Holy Communion on Sunday
Led by Sanctuary Choir, Heavenly Handbells, and Brass Ensemble

11:00 am ~ Praise & Worship with Holy Communion on Sunday
Led by Reign! in the Family Life Center

Maundy Thursday | April 2

4:00 pm ~ Sanctuary Worship with Holy Communion

7:00 pm ~ Sanctuary Worship with Holy Communion
(First Communion for 5th Grade Students)

Good Friday | April 3

12:00 pm ~ Sanctuary Worship

Preceded and Followed by a Soup and Salad Lunch
Musical Offerings by Cantus Christe Quartet

7:00 pm ~ Tenebrae Service in the Sanctuary featuring *The Suffering Servant*
Led by Sanctuary Choir

Easter Sunday | April 5

6:30 am ~ Sunrise Service Begins in Prayer Garden
Processes to Sanctuary, Led by Celebration Singers

8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am ~ Sanctuary Easter Festival Worship with Holy Communion
Led by Sanctuary Choir, Heavenly Handbells, and Brass Ensemble

11:00 am ~ Praise & Worship with Holy Communion
Led by Reign! in the Family Life Center



Weekly Bible Study Opportunities



Monday

DivorceCare

Mondays, 6:30-8:30 pm — Room 151, Family Life Center — January 19-April 20

Leader: Sue Campau

Resurrection will be hosting a DivorceCare support group starting January 19-April 20. 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 (look for the group hosted by Resurrection Lutheran Church). Contact Sue Campau through RCB for more details, or to volunteer with helping facilitate and greet participants.

Tuesday

Tuesday Morning Bible Study and Fellowship

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

Leaders: Pastor Zach Sarrault, Pastor Jonathan Blanke

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

Christian Parenting - The Spiritually Vibrant Home

Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm — Room 240, Family Life Center — [Resumes After Lent](#)

Leaders: 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. 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.

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

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

Contact Jamee Thieme or 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.

This Is the Church

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm — Room 151, Family Life Center — February 11-March 25

Leader: 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.

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

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

Leader: 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.

The next Bible study for Men's Ministry will begin on Wednesday, March 25. Check announcements for info!

Church Council News

Ministry Expansion Campaign

At the last 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 be 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. Compensation will be commensurate with experience.

becoming a Member

New to Resurrection?

Greetings in the name of Jesus our Savior! It has been a great blessing seeing you in worship. We want to build on the importance of regular in-person worship, encouraging one another in our calling as followers of Jesus.

The **New Member Class** that we call *Discover Resurrection* will be offered on **Saturday, March 21** from 10:00 am-12:00 pm. Childcare is provided upon request. It is at this event that we take a closer look at how we do life together at RLC. All who attend will be prepared to become a member of the RLC family!

Please feel free to contact any of the Pastors, if you have any questions. For planning purposes, please RSVP to Pastor Zach at zach.sarrault@rlcary.org or 919-851-7248.

Save the Date! We will welcome you into our Resurrection family the weekend of **April 18/19** during each of our worship services. God's blessings to you as we continue our journey in faith!

Fellowship Committee

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

A massive **Thank You** to everyone who helped make our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper a fun and successful event! It was wonderful to gather, share a meal, and kick off the Lenten season together.

By the Numbers:

🍴 110 People fed!

💰 \$876 Raised for the National Youth Gathering 2028!

👩‍🍳 36 Total Helpers (16 Youth & 20 Adults) who cooked, served, and cleaned.

🥞 26 lbs of Pancake Mix!

🥓 40 lbs of Ham & 18 lbs of Sausage!

🥤 6 Gallons of Tang!



Stephen Ministry

You're Not Alone

You know how to dial 911 in case of an emergency. Did you know there is a separate number for someone experiencing a crisis that they need help addressing, or someone contemplating suicide but is not to the decision point to make it an "immediate 911" type of call? For help in any type of personal crisis, you can dial 988 and reach the National Suicide and Crisis Hotline. For our monthly Stephen Ministry theme this month, we want you to know that if you or someone you know is experiencing a life crisis, you are not alone.

Stephen Ministers are trained lay caregivers providing one-on-one, confidential care to those in need. While we are not trained to replace professional counselors, we are trained to recognize when someone's needs go beyond our ability to provide a listening ear and caring presence. Sometimes we do need professional care and that is where the Crisis Hotline can assist, especially if you don't know where to turn.

Here's what you can expect if you dial 988: You'll hear a message that gives you service selection options. Hold music will play while you are connected to a counselor based on your previous selection. A counselor will introduce themselves and ask if you're safe. They will continue to listen to you, understand how your problem is affecting you, provide support, and share any resources that may be helpful. Counselors have access to a network of over 200 centers across the country. It is a confidential call, and geolocation is not activated (meaning the hotline cannot tell where you are calling from, unlike when you dial 911 and you need responders to know your location).

If you are connected with a professional counselor and decide to continue working with them, Stephen Ministers are still available for you and can work in conjunction with a trained counselor to provide another contact for confidential conversations.



Stephen Ministry is a Christ-centered ministry, and we recognize Christ as the "Curegiver". Christ knows the hurts and pains that affect us while we're in this body. But we, as the body of Christ, can also come together to support you or someone you love through those hurts and pains of this world. We are in this life together... **you are NOT alone.**

To learn more about the National Crisis Hotline, [click here](#).

[To learn more about Stephen Ministry at RLC, click here.](#) If you or someone you know who could use a listening partner, consider emailing the Stephen Leader team at stephenministry@rlcary.org and ask about how to make a referral to a Stephen Minister.



Music Ministry

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, 8:00-8:30 pm.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Bob Unger at the church office and/or be present at 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.

Widows' Group

Following Naomi

This month's Following Naomi meeting will be on **Thursday, March 12** at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

We will be helping the quilters tie quilts this month. Hope to see you there!

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

Men's Ministry

Retreat and Service Weekend

Time to RSVP! Our 2026 Men's Retreat and Service Weekend is **March 13-15** at beautiful Camp Agapé. Pastor Zach is leading us this year. Our theme is *Equipped to Be a Man of God as Witnesses* (Acts 1:8). Three sessions covering: Read the Story, Know the Story, Tell the Story.

We kickoff Friday evening, March 13 around 6:00 pm with a must attend cookout/potluck gathering at the Retreat House at Camp Agape. (Bring a side dish or treat, favorite beverage, and camp chair.)

Weather permitting, we will spend a significant portion of Saturday morning and afternoon in Service tackling projects throughout the camp utilizing multiple skillsets and capabilities.

Our study is woven throughout the impactful weekend with study sessions and devotions Friday night, Saturday morning, afternoon, evening, and Sunday morning. Weather permitting, our study venues will be a combination of inside and out. We should see the river, the lake, the firepit, and the chapel. Also weather permitting, we will have an outdoor worship service Sunday morning at the Azalea Chapel.

We have added multiple optional fun activities this year: cornhole competition, night hikes, and morning trail runs. Participants have the option to stay overnight at the Retreat House or commute.

To RSVP: You can join us for the entire event (preferred), join us for the Saturday service day, the Friday night cookout, or any combination needed. You can RSVP to the RCB invite with comments, email mens-ministry@rlcary.org, drop a note in church mailbox, or call. Friends, neighbors, and sons are welcome.

Questions? Contact Tom Gebbia through RCB, mens-ministry@rlcary.org, or the church office.

March Health Focus

Colorectal Cancer Awareness

- Colorectal cancer is one of the most common cancers for both men and women; however, it is also one of the most preventable.
- Colorectal cancer screening aims to identify and remove pre-cancerous polyps before they turn into cancer, or to find cancer early before it grows, spreads, or causes problems (i.e. when the cancer is still treatable/curable).
- Early colorectal cancer stages often have no symptoms, so don't wait for warning signs because by then it is often too late.
- Studies show undergoing screening lowers the chance of dying from colorectal cancer.
- The most common screening options include:
 - ◇ Colonoscopy (typically every 10 years if normal)
 - ◇ At-home stool tests (every 1–3 years, depending on the test)
- In the US, it is recommended that most people should begin colon cancer screening at age 45. People who have increased risk of getting colon cancer—such as those with family history of colorectal cancer or those with inflammatory bowel disease such as ulcerative colitis—sometimes begin screening at a younger age. Talk with your healthcare provider about getting screened and which screening option would be best for you.
- In general, most people can stop screening for colorectal cancer at age 75.

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

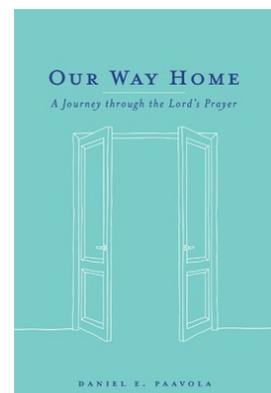
Loved Ones Called to Glory

Rev. Dr. Daniel E. Paavola

Back in 2019, Resurrection hosted a wonderful Christian Education series based on the Lord's Prayer called *Our Way Home*, authored by Rev. Dr. Daniel E. Paavola. The 8-sessions, January-March, was kicked off with a very well attended dinner in the Fellowship Hall featuring Rev. Dr. Paavola. I know many remember this series, and Rev. Dr. Paavola, fondly.

We received word that Rev. Dr. Paavola was involved in a serious motorcycle accident and has passed. Some of us still remember the wording he used regarding his love of riding motorcycles with friends and family during that opening session.

[You can read his obituary here.](#) We hold his loved ones in our prayers.



Gifts & Memorials

In Honor of Keith and Dawn Leister's 50th Wedding Anniversary

For the General Fund

Anita Moore
Oliver Bradley
Betty Fried
Richard and Janice Bloom
Robert and Frances Milks

For Community Food & Crisis

Marilyn Hahne

For Campus Maintenance

Lori Jannings
Keith and Dawn Leister

For the Love Fund

Keith and Yvonne Braswell
Keith and Dawn Leister

For Cambodia Mission Trip,
Men's Ministry, Coffeehouse,
Youth Gathering

Keith and Dawn Leister



Cross-Cultural Mission Engagement Team

Mission Minute

Gracious Lord,

We thank You for calling Pastor Jonathan Blanke, Paul Brandt, and Erika Hulse to serve in Cambodia. As they go, grant them safe travel and protect them from harm, illness, and danger. Surround them with Your holy angels and guide their every step.

Let Your will be done in all they say and do. Give them humility, wisdom, and boldness to share Christ crucified and risen. Prepare the hearts of those they will meet. Soften hearts, strengthen faith, and work through Your Word as it pleases You.

Deepen the faith of these missionaries and let their lives reflect Your love and mercy. We trust that Your Word will accomplish Your good and gracious purpose.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

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.

Outreach Service to the Community

Blind Ministry

Congratulations to the RLC Blind Ministry Team!

We recently received word that our Blind Ministry Team, led by Annette Langefeld-Kennedy, received a \$400 Community Engagement grant from the LCMS Southeastern District in recognition for their service to the blind and vision-impaired community.

We give thanks to God for their continued labor of love and for our friends in the District who granted our church this recognition.

To God be the glory!

Resurrection Lutheran Church and Schools

International Festival

He's got the whole world in His hands!

Thank you to all who participated in the International Festival. We had an amazing turn out and so much fun!

Resurrection Lutheran School Principal Robin Hester said it best: "Tuesday night was truly a special evening for our Resurrection community as we hosted our very first International Festival. The evening was a beautiful collaboration between the ministries of Resurrection Lutheran Church, Resurrection Lutheran Preschool, and Resurrection Lutheran School. It was such a joy to see our church, preschool, and school families gathered together, celebrating the many cultures that make up our community.

The food, displays, and conversations reflected the richness of God's people and reminded us how blessed we are to learn from one another. Thank you to all of our families and staff who attended, and especially to those who volunteered their time and hearts to share their country and heritage with us. Your willingness to participate is what made the evening so meaningful.

I also want to extend a very special thank you to Erika Hulse for her leadership and the countless hours she dedicated to bringing this event together. Her vision, organization, and love for our community were evident in every detail."

Happy Anniversary!

- March 23**
David and Lea Webb
30 years
- March 27**
Ron and Carol Bostick
55 years



College Ministry

LCMS-U @ NCSU

LCMSU @ NCSU started the season of Lent together at the end of February, and we look forward to continuing our journey through March together.

Our first meeting for this month will be **Friday, March 13** from 7:00-8:30 pm at the NC State Study Center (201 Brooks Avenue, Raleigh). We will begin with food and fellowship, before we close in "Evening Prayer" with Holy Communion. Pastor Alan Shaw from Resurrection Lutheran Church will be joining us once again.

Please RSVP for this meeting **by Wednesday, March 11** at 5:00 pm, so we can plan accordingly. You can do so by using this link: [March 13 Meeting](#)

We will celebrate Holy Week and Easter together at our second meeting for this month which will be on **Friday, March 27** from 7:00-8:30 pm at Resurrection Lutheran Church (100 W. Lochmere Drive, Cary NC). Please note the location change. We will begin with food and fellowship, before we close in "Evening Prayer" with Holy Communion in the Sanctuary. Pastor Jon Richter from Resurrection Lutheran Church will be with us once again and will be assisting with the service. Because it is off campus, I understand if some do not have the means to make it to RLC. Please reach out to me and I would be happy to pick you up from campus so that you can attend.

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.

Stephen Ministry

Congregation Training Event

Caring for Those Living with Dementia

Join us on **Sunday, March 15** from 1:30-3:30 pm in the Family Life Center for a special Stephen Ministry Dementia Training. This session will be led by Melanie Bunn, a nationally recognized dementia educator and speaker with the Dementia Alliance of North Carolina.

Melanie brings years of experience, warmth, and practical insight to help us better understand how to connect with and care for individuals living with dementia. Through her guidance, we'll explore compassionate communication, effective caregiving strategies, and ways to offer spiritual and emotional support to families facing these challenges.

Everyone is welcome — whether you're a caregiver, a family member, or simply want to learn how to extend Christ's love to those in need. Come and be encouraged as we equip ourselves to care with understanding and grace.

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

Community Partner Highlight

Camp Agape

Spring Golf Outing ~ Monday, April 13 ~ Lochmere Golf Club

Help Support Campership Funds & Program Development

Support a great cause while enjoying the fun and fellowship of a day on the Lochmere Golf Course! Why? Help us bring kids to camp this summer! Funds raised in this Golf Event will be used to provide camperships to attend camp and for program development. It is our policy that no one is turned away from camp programs due to a lack of funds.

Format: 4 Person Scramble

Tournament Schedule:

- 8:00 am Check-In Opens
- 8:00 am Coffee, Donuts & Biscuits
- 8:45 am "Putt for All" Event
- 9:10 am Tee Off (Shotgun)

Bagged lunch served on the course.
When your round is done, head home!

[Download the brochure for registration information.](#)

Contact: 919-552-9421 or agape@agapekurebeach.org



Human Care

RLC Day of Service

Please save this date! Saturday, April 25, 2026

RLC Day of Service (Operation InAsMuch)

RLC has participated in local service projects under the heading of Operation InAsMuch and will continue the tradition this year on April 25, 2026. The RLC Day of Service is a way for us to put our faith into action and make a difference in the life of others.

The event starts with a breakfast (prepared by the RLC Men's Group) and time of fellowship in the Family Life Center at 8:00 am. After breakfast, we split out into our groups to complete our service. There will be activities for all age groups.

Look for Temple Talks on March 28 and 29 at all services with more detailed information, how to sign up, and description of projects.

If you would like to help with coordinating this event and/or have a suggestion for a service project or philanthropy to serve, please let us know. Call or email the church and your information will be forwarded to our committee. Thank you!

And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' - Matthew 25:40

Youth Ministry

Middle and High School

Youth Late Night is scheduled for Friday, March 20 from 5:30-9:30 pm.

Last year we tried something new, we welcomed both Resurrection Lutheran School students and Resurrection Lutheran Church youth for a combined event. By bringing the groups together, we enjoyed a fun experience with food, fellowship, challenges, games, Laser Tag, and games in the dark. We want to bring it back this year as the response last year was huge!

I need adult volunteers to make it happen!

This is a fun, easy way to get involved, share the faith, and have fun with some really cool kids. What can you do? Lead a small group of youth from room to room where there are activities (think VBS for big kids), running a room/ station, helping with dinner (set up/clean up, serving, picking up), check in, set up or clean up. Lots of hands make light work. Can you help us out?

This is a great outreach to our community, as well as fun for our own community! Last year we had friends, RLS students, and RLC youth (55 youth — our largest event since Covid) have a blast together and make some new friends.



Come join the team and talk to Ms. Jenny! Let's make this happen! [Sign up here!](#)

A graphic for the month of March, decorated with green shamrocks and vines. The word "MARCH" is written in large, green, sans-serif letters at the top. Below it are five rounded rectangular boxes containing text about youth activities. At the bottom left, there is a small quote from Ephesians 2:10.

MARCH

Middle School Youth Group
NO Wednesday
Youth Group

High School Youth Group
March 1, 8, 22
**after the service project, we will go
do something with whoever comes*

Servant Event:
March 15
Easter Adventure/Jerusalem
2:30 - 4:30 pm

Sunday School:
March 1, 8, 15, 22

ALL Youth:
Late Night
March 20 @ 5:30 - 9:30 pm

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."
Ephesians 2: 10

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

Easter Event

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

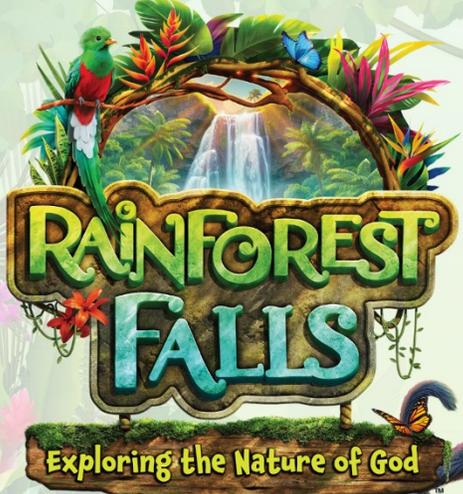


Needed: Children's Easter Donations !



Donations of candy and/or trinkets can be dropped off in the narthex or gym lobby. Thank you!!

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



**Resurrection Lutheran Church
Vacation Bible School**

June 22-26
9 am - 12 noon

4 year olds to 5th graders

\$10 per child

Questions?
erika.hulse@rlcary.org

**Register to participate
or volunteer here** → 



Register: bit.ly/3NapWKZ



**Resurrection Lutheran
Preschool**

Diane Hooper, Director

rlpcary.org

919-851-7270

office@rlpcary.org



**Enroll NOW for
2026-27**

Resurrection Lutheran

PRESCHOOL

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.**



**3-year-olds
to Rising kindergartners**

(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!

STEM NEWS

Ms. Powell's and Ms. McCuiston's 5th graders had an awesome experience on the Force and Motion STEM field trip to United Skates of America. The 5th grade NCTies groups continue to work on creating parachutes models to help hurricane hunters remain in the eye of a hurricane for longer periods of time to collect more data.

Ms. Piontek's 7th grade social studies class did a study on Egyptian pyramids. Students then designed and created models of the pyramids.

Ms. Lee's 4th graders made models of the Tham Lung limestone cave system in Thailand. They read *All Thirteen* which is a true story of the boy's Thailand soccer team who were trapped for 18 days in the flooded cave. Students made their own salt dough and labeled each chamber according to the text and accurately.

Ms. Standley's and Ms. Reynik's 2nd graders recently read *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* during literacy. They worked in the Makerspace to create models of parts of the candy factory. The students then began working in Tinkercad to design 3D models of components of the candy factory. The creativity was great to observe with both classes!

CULTURAL ARTS

The Cultural Arts performance by *Transit Vocal Band* had mouths hanging open across the gym, as members of the band used their voices to create the sound of drums, bass, guitar and trumpet. Students left saying things like, "That was cool. It was really cool! It was amazing how they could imitate the trumpet and drums!"

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 5	NC TIES, 5th-8th Grade
March 13	NJHS Induction Ceremony
March 16-17	PSO Cultural Arts - Mosaic Workshop
March 23	Wax Museum
March 30-April 6	No School, Spring/Easter Break

Looking Ahead...

April 17	PSO Spring Gala
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Come Grow With Us:
Rooted in Christ.
Growing in Grace.

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

2 Peter 3:18

Mission:
Resurrection Lutheran School
is committed to educating
generations of children
in the training and
instruction of the Lord.
Because of this commitment,
we will provide a Lutheran
educational experience
that is Christ-centered, as well
as academically focused for
children in junior kindergarten
through eighth grade.



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WORSHIP

Join us for worship!

Saturday, 6:00 pm

Sunday, 8:00 am*, 9:30 am, and Praise 11:00 am*

*Live Stream Services

Connect through our YouTube channel

[@ResurrectionLutheranCary](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCResurrectionLutheranCary)

or through our website at

rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship



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Christopher Reed, SMP Vicar

GIVING

We appreciate your contributions to our congregation. Here are the different ways to make your offering:

- Place in offering plate during worship
- Mail to 100 Lochmere Drive West, Cary NC 27518
- Through [Online Giving](#)
- Download the Vanco Mobile app to transfer funds from your account

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