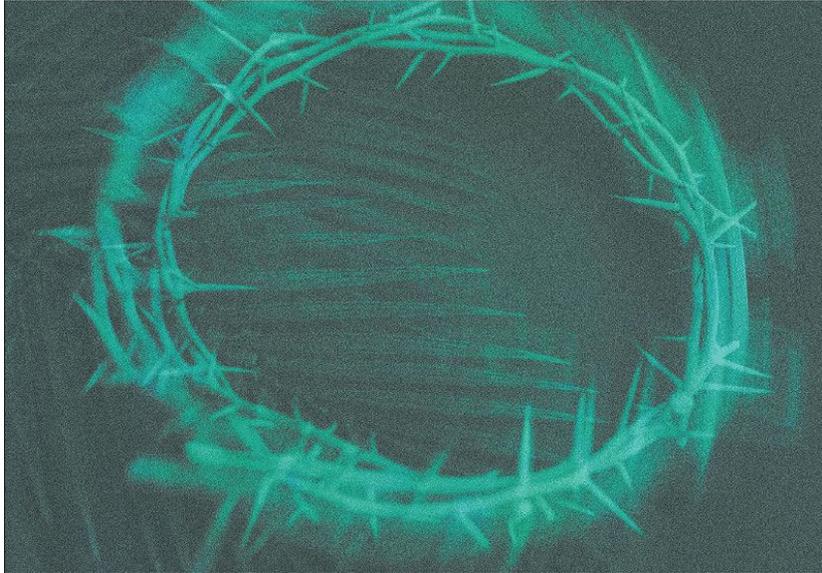


Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026



Pastor's Corner for March 29-April 4

The Mind of Christ (Philippians 2:5-11)

What is your daily mindset? Have you ever pondered that question before? For a lot of folks, the daily mindset is simply to complete the day, to survive until bedtime and hopefully quiet the mind to get some sleep. Some folks are high achievers, working for more every day in whatever vocations they hold. Some have a simple mindset, to take things as they come and not worry about the things out of their control. Then there's a lot of us who probably don't think about our daily mindset.

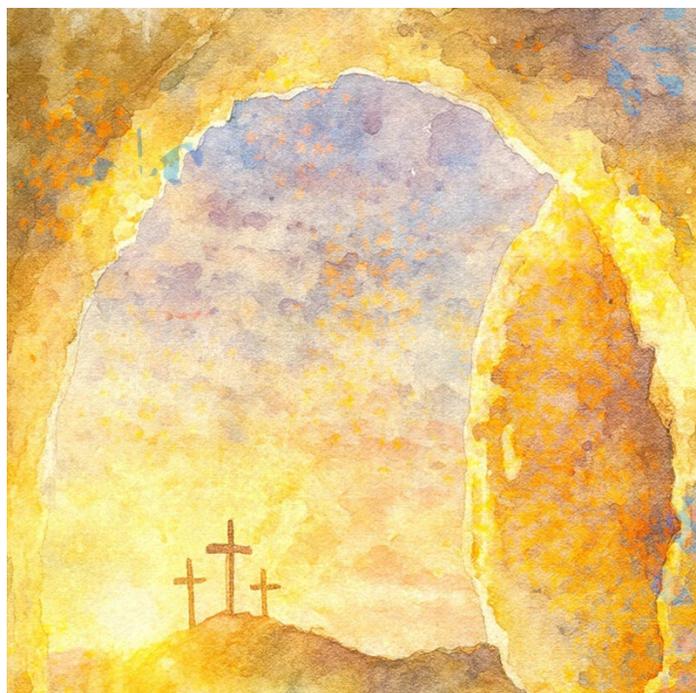
Our mindset is something that we should ponder from time to time. It is a completely biblical thing to consider our mindset and to have the right mindset, but our mindset isn't about us and what we can achieve to have the right

mindset. Our mindset, as baptized children of the heavenly Father, is a gift given to us as members of the body of Christ. “Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 2:5). Our mindset is the mindset of Jesus, which we have in our possession because we are in Jesus’ possession. Reading through the rest of this beautiful hymn in Philippians, we read that this “Jesus-mind” that we are given is all about humility. Jesus didn’t try and be equal with God, but chose to be empty by becoming a servant, as one born of human flesh, and completely obedient to the will of the Father all the way to the humiliating death on the cross. The mindset of Christ that we have is one that guides us in the steps of our Savior.

As we follow Jesus into Jerusalem and to the cross this Holy Week, we see Jesus empty Himself more and more. He is emptied to absolutely nothing, emptied all the way to death. That’s what the mind of Christ looks like that we have been given. We can struggle with it by saying that form of humility is surely too much for us to achieve, but that’s not always where we should start. The start of humility is admitting that we need the humiliation of Christ on the cross for our salvation. It is admitting that we are absolutely nothing without the presence, and the mindset, of Christ gifted to us. The start of humility is simply living with Jesus and following in His humble steps.

Your following brother in Christ,
Pastor Zach Sarrault

Prayers of the Church



Holy Week Observances and Easter Sunday Celebration

Palm Sunday | March 28 & 29

6:00 pm ~ Saturday Sanctuary Worship with Holy Communion

8:00 am*, **9:30 am** ~ Sunday Sanctuary Festival Worship with Holy Communion
- 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 ~ Worship with Holy Communion

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

Good Friday | April 3

12:00 pm ~ Worship (Preceded/Followed by Soup and Salad Lunch) - Musical Offerings by Cantus Christe Quartet

7:00 pm* ~ Tenebrae Service in the Sanctuary featuring *The Suffering Servant* by K. Lee Scott - Led by Sanctuary Choir and Chamber Orchestra

(No Saturday Evening Worship)

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

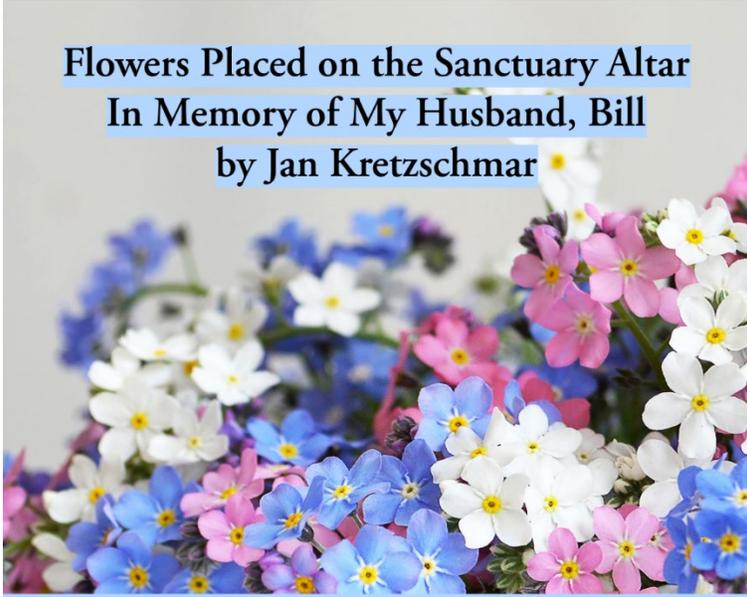


***Live Stream Services**

Connect through our YouTube channel [@ResurrectionLutheranCary](#)

Please note, most church activities are cancelled during Holy Week. Check with your team leader.

**Flowers Placed on the Sanctuary Altar
In Memory of My Husband, Bill
by Jan Kretzschmar**



Sign up for Altar Flowers in the Sanctuary and Family Life Center.
Click below or call the church office at 919-851-7248.
Flowers are from Cary Florist and cost \$45.

[*Sign Up for Altar Flowers!*](#)

Adult Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Morning

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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No 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.

No 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

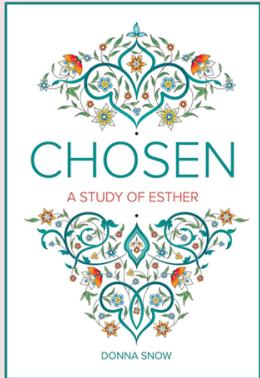
Fellowship Hall

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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Men's Ministry ~ K9 Ministry

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm (Fellowship at 6:45 pm)

April 8 Only

Room 245, Family Life Center

Tom Gebbia

Did you know that there is a K9 Ministry dedicated to bringing comfort and hope in times of need? You may be wondering how such a unique ministry responds during moments of crisis.

Ken Fay will be sharing his firsthand experience with the Comfort Dog Teams, where he has served as a dog handler, social media voice, and co-leader of Newtown Comfort. This ministry was formed in the aftermath of the tragic shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary School in his home community of Newtown, Connecticut.

Over the course of a decade of service; and most recently mentoring a team in

the Pacific Northwest, Ken has witnessed how the Lord has continually guided, provided, protected, and directed this ministry to serve people anytime and anywhere they are in need.

Questions regarding any of our Christian Education offerings can be directed to the leader noted or the church office at office@rlcary.org, 919-851-7248.

No 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.

No Wednesday Evening Dinner



Join us for dinner on Wednesdays, 5:15-6:00 pm in the Family Life Center Gym! We will be back on track with our regular Supper & Scripture schedule on **Wednesday, April 8**.

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

All are welcome! Online reservations at 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.

Bagel Bunch for Men

Bagel Bunch is a group of men that meet Tuesdays, 7:30-9:00 am for coffee and fellowship. Beginning **Tuesday, April 7**, they will be meeting back at Java Jive for the warmer months.

Java Jive is located at 2425 Kildaire Farm Road, Cary - across from RLC. All men are welcome, come when you can!

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



Please note, change in date due to Holy Week.

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

Following Naomi

The Following Naomi group will be meeting on **Thursday, April 9** at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our topic this month will be a general 'getting to know you' with some Table Topics and trivia questions.

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

The Next Coffeehouse for Special Needs Adults

Friday, April 10

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, April 10** from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Family Life Center. *Ricky Tew and Friend* will be playing for us.

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



Voters' Meeting
Sunday, April 19 at 12:30 pm
Sanctuary

- Resurrection Lutheran School Principal
Robin Hester Call
- Capital Campaign Update

RLC Day of Service

Operation Inasmuch

April 25, 2026

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Matthew 25:40

RLC will participate in local service projects under the heading of Operation Inasmuch this year on **Saturday, April 25**. This 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 at 8:00 am in the Family Life Center with a breakfast prepared by the RLC Men's Group and time of fellowship. After breakfast at 9:00 am, we split out into our groups to complete our service. End time is noon or earlier, if the project is completed. Some groups will stay on campus while others will travel. There will be activities for all age groups.

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 as soon as possible. Call the church or email us at HumanCare@rlcary.org and your information will be forwarded to our committee.

One of our projects is to collect nonperishable food for a food bank in Raleigh named With Love from Jesus. The food collection barrels will be in the Narthex and the Family Life Center to collect these food items. The following items are requested: peanut butter and jelly, canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned soup, canned tomato sauce, rice (1 pound), pasta (1 pound), and dry cereal.

Look for more information regarding all Day of Service activities on Palm Sunday before and after services. There will be paper forms available in the Narthex for you to sign up, or use our digital signup at [Day of Service 2026 Sign Up](#), or scan this QR code:



Giving Statement Change

By mid-April, Contribution Statements for 1st Quarter 2026 will be available. As stated at a previous Voters' Meeting, statements will now be sent to members by email.

If you prefer, you may opt-out of a digital report in favor of a printed accounting to be placed in your RLC mailbox by notifying finance@rlcary.org before **April 1** or contact the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).

Prayer Cards

Visual Faith® Ministry has provided prayer cards by the prayer sheets in the Narthex and the Family Life Center. We invite you to take a few cards home and add prayer notes for your family and friends for whom you are praying.

As you pray for those concerns, color the card, and then send it to the person with a note that says, "You've been in my prayers this week."

If you have questions, please contact Jamee Thieme through RCB.

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.

Children and Family Ministry

A colorful poster for 'Rainforest Falls' Vacation Bible School. The title 'RAINFOREST FALLS' is in large, stylized letters, with 'Exploring the Nature of God' written below it. The background features a lush rainforest scene with a waterfall, various tropical birds (parrots, toucan), a monkey, a cheetah, and a sloth. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner of the poster, with an arrow pointing to it from the text 'Register to participate or volunteer here'.

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 for VBS: bit.ly/3NapWKZ

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, March 29:

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

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

We return on Wednesday, April 12.

Wednesday, April 1:

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

We return on Wednesday, April 8.



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
PRECHOOL

Registration is now open!

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

Our program provides a balance of academic and social opportunities by 'learning through play' in a loving Christian atmosphere.

Class openings are currently available
for the **2025-26 preschool year.**



**Resurrection Lutheran
Preschool**

**3-year-olds
to Rising kindergarteners**

(children currently in our 2's classes can come!)
(ALL Ages MUST be toilet-trained)

June 1 – 4 (9:15-12:30)

June 8 – 11 (9:15-12:30)

June 15 – 18 (9:15-12:30)

RLChurch VBS June 22-26

Neighbors, friends, & family welcome!

REGISTER NOW!

Resurrection Lutheran School



rlscary.org
Junior Kindergarten-8th Grade

rlscary.org | 919-851-7271 | contact@rlscary.org

Latest Lion's Tale



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, March 21

6:00 pm - 66

Sunday, March 22

8:00 am - 88

9:30 am - 197

11:00 am - 125

Midweek Lent, March 25

6:00 pm - 50

Total In-Person Worship: 526

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel:

Sunday, March 22

8:00 am - 100

11:00 am - 24

Midweek Lent, March 25

6:00 pm - 18

Total Online Views: 142

Financial Update - Fiscal 2024/25

February 2026

Budgeted Giving to Date: \$1,048,800

Actual Giving to Date: \$1,051,238

Current Over/(Under) Giving: \$2,438

Budgeted Expenses to Date: \$1,013,333.33

Actual Expenses to Date: \$955,181

Current Under/(Over) Spend: \$ 58,152.33

Questions? Contact finance@rlcary.org.

Church Calendar



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Prayers of the Church – March 29, 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 March 22, 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, and Those Who Serve
- Jerusalem Marketplace and Volunteers
- Men's Retreat
- Dementia Presentation

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
- *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
- 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
- Henry, Grandson of *Mark and *Pat Otten
- Tommi
- Lorrie Muller, Cancer Treatment
- *Cheryl Roth
- *Jan Wozniak, Healing
- Helen Houser
- Carolyn, Peace of Mind and Healing
- Dick Huffman
- Addison
- Mike Hodgkin
- Evelyn Bloom
- *Carol Klevenow, Pain Support
- Herbie Campau
- Justin Shellaway, Brain Tumor Surgery
- Jim Brooks, Treatment Will Eradicate Cancer
- Carli, Recovery from Addiction
- Heather Whitehurst
- Donna Day
- Dave Koester and Wife, Ruth
- *Trudy Haertling
- DeAnn, Ethan, Breeann, Linda, Ricky, Gaylon, Sandy, Sam, Ben, Kathy, Lee, David, Catherine, Peggy, Jimmy, Doug, Grayson, Carly, Karen, Becky, Johnny, Tim, Justin, Red, Brian, Carlton, Kevin, Keith, Mark, Paul, Anne, Jewel, Anna, Skylar, Eric, Laurie, Harry, Donna, Pam, Adison, Gabby, Ken, James, Gary, George, Trudy, Gene, Walter, Virginia, Bill, Jeff, Denise, Sarah, Joe, Jeri, Herbie, Douglas, Barbara, Brittany, Julie, Jake, Amanda, Marty, Lyda, Susan, Tina, Jack, Steve

For Comfort

- Family and Friends of Melany Talley
- Family and Friends of Barbara Cole, Son's Former Mother-In-Law, *Marcia Shaw
- Family and Friends of Mary Klein
- Family and Friends of Jeff Haggerty, Brother of Wendy Busby

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
- Resolution of Discord in Families
- Heating Affordability for Families in Need
- Protection from Severe Winter Temperatures and Storms
- Mercy and Protection for the People of Minnesota
- Peaceful Resolution to War with Iran, People of the Middle East Being Affected by Bombings
- Safety for *Daisy Morris' Son, Daughter-In-Law, and Grandson in Dubai
- That We Trust the Lord is Working for Our Good in Our World Today
- Those with Dementia, Beyer Family
- Our Deployed Military
- For Those That Have Pulled Away from Jesus

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
- Mission Trips to Cambodia, especially for Pastor Jonathan, Paul Brandt, and Erika Hulse
- *Moya Shaw, Travel to Dominican Republic for a Christian Dental Mission Trip

For Our Missionaries

- JP and Aimee Cima, Cambodia
[Click Here for the Latest 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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