



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

JULY 2026

From the Pastor

What's Going on in the Garden?

(Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23)

It's summertime! The hours of sunshine are longer. Rows of corn seen in gentleman farms from the side of the road are getting greener and taller. It's unpleasantly hot and humid outside. And of course, July 2026 in the United States means it is time to celebrate our nation's 250th birthday! Summer is also a time to ask what's going on in our gardens. Are the weeds taking over? Are the deer munching down on your hosta? Is that plant you started back in mid-spring starting to hit its stride? Is your fig tree or are your new tomato plants producing more fruit than you know what to do with? July is a time to consider how our gardens are doing.

Jesus, of course, has something to say about what goes on in the garden where His Word is proclaimed. It's like seed scattered all over the place... in conditions that are both good and not-so-good. Jesus wants to tell us



something about the garden of the human heart where the seed of His Word produces fruit. There are all sorts of situations that make the harvest of that fruit challenging. There is misunderstanding which our Adversary, the Devil, uses to snatch the seed away (13:19). There are trials which make it difficult for the seed of God's Word to produce roots that go down deep into our hearts (13:21).

And then there are the cares of the world and the "deceitfulness" of material possessions which choke the plant that the seed of God's Word begins to grow into (13:22). If gardening under these conditions was all there was, there'd be no hope! But Jesus also talks about "good soil."



Dates of Interest:

Christmas in JulyJul 1-31
 Ladies Lunch.....Jul 1
 Office Holiday.....Jul 3
 Coffeehouse.....Jul 10
Faith in Action.....Jul 18/19
 Men's Fellowship.....Jul 22
 Taize.....Jul 25
 Lay Readers Training....Jul 29
 Blind Ministry.....Jul 31

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Sunday Morning Bible Study

Our Singing Faith: God's Word in the Lutheran Service Book

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

June 7-July 5
Led by Vicar Chris Reed.

You're familiar with the parts of the hymnbook that we use on any garden-variety Sunday morning — but are you aware of all the hidden treasures the hymnal contains? No?

Then come explore the Lutheran Service Book (LSB) with us! We will look at the LSB and how it helps shape our worship together as servants of the risen Christ!

Each Sunday morning, we will look in-depth at that week's Hymn of the Day and how it places the very words of the Bible on our lips.

Also, we will take a closer look at the parts of the LSB that often go unnoticed.

Copies of the LSB will be provided. Please bring something for notetaking and your singing voice!



The Holy Spirit, gifted to you and me through the message of sins forgiven, does what we cannot. The Spirit makes bad soil good! The Holy Spirit sees to it that even seeds sown in hearts where there are misunderstandings, trials, and worldly cares thrive! And like a fig tree in July, that seed WILL produce more fruit in the heart than the sower will ever expect. It will be all he can do to share that harvest with others.

Join us during July at RLC as we continue our journey through St. Paul's letter to the Romans. We give thanks to God for the fruit the Holy Spirit bears in our hearts! Please keep those who are considering involvement in our congregation's mission trip to Cambodia in February 2027 in your prayers. The deadline for submitting interest in the trip (please indicate your interest to the CCMET email address: ccmet@rlcary.org) is the end of the month. We look forward to letting our church family know more about our capital campaign, *Faith in Action*, as the campaign kickoff event in August draws near. Many thanks to Campaign Chair Randy Bowling as he leads our congregation on this journey!

As you take time to give thanks to God on our nation's 250th birthday, savor all that makes summertime here special. No matter what the state of our backyard gardens again this year, may the Holy Spirit continue to produce an abundant harvest in and through every one of us!

Peace and joy in Christ,
Pastor Jonathan

Human Care Committee

Thank You

We are thrilled to announce that, with your generous support, we have now secured the funds we need to open our NeighborHealth Center Pharmacy! An in-house pharmacy has been a long-term organizational goal since we opened the Susanne Berger Clinic in 2022, and we are so excited to be making this truly transformational project a reality!

Our pharmacy will make it easier for patients to access, afford, and take their medications as prescribed, helping to improve health outcomes, reduce unnecessary expenses, and avoid emergency department overutilization.

Resurrection Lutheran is tangibly helping us continue our mission of serving Christ by loving our neighbors through excellent, compassionate, and accessible health care. We are deeply grateful for your partnership.

We look forward to seeing how God will continue to use the NeighborHealth Center in the years to come to serve our neighbors in need.

Sincerely,
Daniel Lipparelli, MBA
CEO, NeighborHealth Center



Outreach to the Community

Christmas in July

Celebrate Christmas in July and Help Local Charities!

Christmas trees are set up outside the Sanctuary and Family Life Center with "ornaments" highlighting specific needs requested by the following organizations:

Families Together (famielstoegethernc.org)

Mission Statement: We believe every family deserves a home, and children should never have to wonder where they're going to sleep at night. This is why we connect families to stable homes as quickly as possible - and why we remain connected with them to ensure that they begin the process of bettering their lives.



Safe Families for Children (SFFC) (safe-families.org)

Mission Statement: SFFC hosts vulnerable children and creates extended family-like support for families facing a crisis through a community of compassionate volunteers to keep children safe and families together.



Gateway Women's Care (gatewaywomens.care)

Mission Statement: We are committed to serving women and men in the community by providing medical, educational, and support services and resources related to pregnancy and sexual health without condemnation or manipulation.

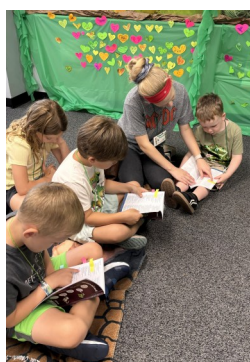


This is a link for those who might want to shop via Amazon for Gateway Women's Care. We ask that you do NOT send your purchase directly to Gateway but send the order to your home, and then bring it to church and place it under one of the trees. [Amazon List for Gateway Women's Care](#)

Please take an ornament (or two!) and place the unwrapped gifts with the tag attached under the trees any weekend in July. The last collection weekend will be August 1-2.

Gift cards can be put in the boxes under the tree, in the offering plates, or dropped off in the church office.

Thank you for helping us serve people in need in our community!



Support Group

DivorceCare

Resurrection will be hosting a DivorceCare support group starting **August 17 through November 16**. 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.

Sessions will be held in Room 140 on Monday evenings from 6:30-8:30 pm. Workbooks are required to get the most benefits and are available when participants register at [DivorceCare - Divorce Recovery Support Groups](#). Select "Find a Group" and look for the group hosted by Resurrection Lutheran Church.

No session will be held on Labor Day, September 7.

Contact [Sue Campau](#) or the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org) for more details, or to volunteer with helping facilitate and greet participants.

Divorce – A Sad Reality

Have you or a family member been affected by divorce? If so, you can understand the sense of loss it can bring to everyone in the family. More than just the couple who are separating but children, parents, friends, and coworkers are all affected when a couple separates. It can be a soul crushing experience that leaves a person brokenhearted. The hardest part is feeling isolated and alone during a painful time and often throws a person into a state of crisis.

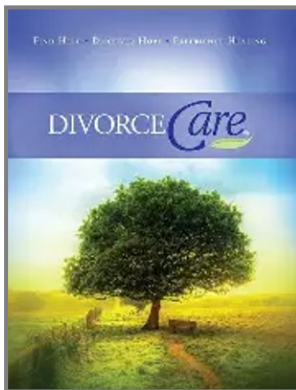
Lawyers are good resources for the legal aspects of divorce, but they do not always focus their care on the emotional and/or spiritual care of the individual, taking time to listen to their pain and suffering. This is where a Stephen Minister can provide a listening ear and help provide a person with a chance to look at possible resources to help them heal so they know that they don't have to feel alone.

Today, the statistics say that 40% - 50% of marriages end in divorce AND that it takes one year of healing for every 5 years of marriage. That's pretty staggering!

If you or someone you know who could use a listening partner for support before, during, or after the divorce process, consider emailing the Stephen Leader team at stephenministry@rlcary.org and ask about how to make a referral to a Stephen Minister.



There are other programs that can provide support in addition to a Stephen Minister such as Pastor Alan's Christian Conciliation team and a new RLC small group called "DivorceCare." DivorceCare is a program that provides a safe place where caring people come alongside each other to find healing from the pain of separation or divorce. In this 13-week video-based support group program, participants will find helpful counsel to manage the emotional turmoil and practical tools for decision-making so they can begin the healing process.



Be watching for the next DivorceCare class starting in August. You can register at the DivorceCare website or reach out to [Sue Campau](#) for more details. Volunteers are needed to help promote the group and possibly fill in as facilitators. Please let one of the pastors or Sue know if you can help!



*"Carry each other's burdens,
and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."*

Galatians 6:2

Gifts & Memorials

For Gifts and Memorials

In Memory of
Her Wonderful Aunt,
Irene Daehnke

Bonnie Maye

In Honor of
Ayer Justice's Birthday

Larry and Debbie Adams

In Memory of
Georgianna Bowling

Tim and Leslie Hiteshew



Cross-Cultural Mission Engagement Team (CCMET)

Mission Minute

The Cross-Cultural Mission Engagement Team (CCMET) continues their focus on mission engagement in Cambodia. For over 17 years, Resurrection Lutheran Church has supported the Cima family and their ministry.

Currently, the Cima family serves in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Financial support to the Cima's is given through the [Missionary Support Fund](#) (formerly known as Together in Mission Fund).

Exciting news! The CCMET is planning a mission trip to Cambodia in **February 2027**. How can you get engaged? Prayerfully consider a way that you can be involved in the mission.

One way to become involved is by joining the mission team to serve children and youth in the Cambodian Lutheran Church.

Not everyone is able to travel on a mission trip, therefore another way to engage is to financially support the mission team. You can do so here: [Cambodia Mission Trip Fund | Resurrection Lutheran Church](#)

Last, the CCMET has created a prayer team that is committed to praying for the committee members, mission trip team, the Cima family, and the Cambodian people.

CCMET presented a session previously regarding Cambodia, the recent trip there, and meeting with the Cima family. [Check out the video on the church's YouTube page!](#)

For more info on the various ways to engage, email ccmet@rlcary.org.

Cross Cultural Mission Engagement

at

Resurrection Lutheran Church



Mission Trip to Cambodia

February 2027



VBS activities, serving at several churches

Led by Erika Hulse

A team of 8 people. Deadline: July 31

Support the trip via the Cambodia Mission Trip Fund

Prayer Team: sign-up today!

Community Partner

Families Together

Families Together is pleased to welcome David Duncklee and Melinda Mack to its Board of Directors as the organization continues expanding its work serving families with children experiencing homelessness in Wake County.

David Duncklee brings decades of leadership experience in environmental consulting, business management, technology, and real estate/property management. A licensed geologist, he previously served as president and co-founder of an environmental consulting firm in Cary. He is a member of Resurrection Lutheran Church, a founding member of this nonprofit 46 years ago.

Melinda Mack brings experience in peer support, crisis intervention, advocacy, and veteran services leadership, along with a strong background in community-based support programs.

“We are excited to welcome David and Melinda to our Board of Directors,” said Jennifer Paul, Executive Director of Families Together. “Both bring valuable expertise, community perspective, and a shared commitment to ending family homelessness. Their leadership further reflects the depth and strength of our governance board as Families Together continues responding to increasing community need.”

Through direct support and advocacy, Families Together assists families with children as they transition from homelessness to sustainable housing and stable homes.

Community Highlight

NeighborUp and Esteamed

NeighborUp is proud to announce a retail expansion with the opening of Dorcas Vintage & Home, a specialty retail shop, and welcome Esteamed Coffee to the NeighborUp Cary Campus, with an anticipated opening in late 2026.

The new shared space, formerly occupied by High House Billiards, will transform into a vibrant community destination where neighbors can gather and connect over coffee while shopping a curated collection of vintage treasures, elevated home décor, designer finds, and one-of-a-kind specialty pieces.

With a shared commitment to serving our neighbors with dignity and compassion in a warm, welcoming space, this new partnership brings together two social-impact organizations that believe meaningful economic opportunity and connection through community can change lives. Additional details, including opening events, hiring opportunities, and more, will be shared in the coming months.

Happy Anniversary!

July 1

Nathan and Erin Hostetter
20 years

July 4

Barry and Pam Gardner
51 years

July 6

John and Joyce Bocksnick
52 years

July 12

Tom and Gayle Bolling
40 years

July 20

David and Judy Carlton
40 years

July 22

John and Deanna Leuenberger
65 years

Paul and Barbara Niffenegger
54 years

July 27

Alan Shaw and Faith Junghahn
25 years

July 29

Jack and Darlene Bartels
59 years

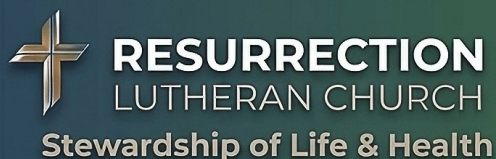
July 30

Ralph and Carol Klevenow
66 years

Brent and Beverley O'Daniel
10 years

Oliver and Maggie Sherouse
10 years

July Health Focus



Personalized Health Counseling

Stewardship of Life and Health group at RLC can connect you to health-care workers in our congregation to provide guidance and education for questions on your health.



MEDICATION REVIEW & EDUCATION

Dosage, Side Effects, Interactions, Management Strategies



PALLIATIVE & HOSPICE SUPPORT

Pain Management, Emotional Comfort, End-of-Life Planning



COMPLEX & CRITICAL ILLNESS

Navigating Diagnoses, Treatment Options, Chronic Condition Care



LACTATION & NEWBORN HEALTH

Breastfeeding Support, Infant Care, Postpartum Wellness



GENERAL HEALTH & NUTRITION

Dietary Guidelines, Wellness Check-ins, Preventive Health



FITNESS & ACTIVE LIVING

Exercise Plans, Mobility Support, Staying Active

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS



1. SUBMIT YOUR QUESTION

Submit basic question, name, & contact method



2. GET CONNECTED

Response in one week to schedule call

READY TO GET IN TOUCH?

SUBMIT QUESTIONS TO: lifeandhealth@rlcary.org



The program provides support, advocacy, and education only. This does not replace your primary medical care or emergency services



Resurrection Lutheran Preschool

Elizabeth Lynnes, Director

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office@rlpcary.org



*Our program offers
opportunities and experiences
that will enrich, expand, and
develop a child's
ever-increasing accumulation
of knowledge in a loving
Christian atmosphere.*



Dates to Remember:

August 26 - Parent Night

August 31 - Orientation

September 2, 3 - First Day of School

DATES TO REMEMBER:

August 13	Parent Orientation, 5:00-8:00 pm, Gym
August 14	Meet and Greet for Junior Kindergarten-2nd Grade
August 17	First Day of School (Early Release)
August 18	First Full Day of School

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.*



Resurrection Lutheran School

Robin Hester
Principal

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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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Rev. Dr. Jonathan Blanke, Senior Pastor

Rev. Zachery Sarrault, Associate Pastor

Rev. Alan Shaw, Assistant Pastor

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

Questions? Contact finance@rlcary.org.

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Newsletter deadline is the 20th of each month.

Please send submissions to susan.moore@rlcary.org.

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