



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

AUGUST 2026

From the Pastor

That God Might Be Glorified

1 Peter 4:10-11

August is a month at Resurrection Lutheran Church when things start hopping again. Activity at the schools start back up. Summer vacations give way to new academic year initiatives. It's a fun and exciting time... full of hope and promise.

You may have heard about a new initiative that is about to get underway. *Faith in Action* is the name of RLC's capital campaign set to kick off on August 16. What is the reason to take part in this special effort "For Our Mission and Facility Needs"? "Don't we already collect regular offerings



and set aside funds to pay the bills that come due year after year?" you might be wondering. Indeed, we do. But the need for a capital campaign alongside a yearly budget can be compared to the need not only to water your lawn regularly but also to plant an ornamental

tree from time to time. Annual budgets are like watering your garden, while capital campaigns are like planting a tree. Watering keeps things going day by day. Planting trees requires special effort, extra resources, and a bit of intentionality. It will shape the landscape into the future.

How will this campaign, by the grace of God, shape our ministry landscape?

- We intend to faithfully steward the gift of the beautiful building and facilities passed down to us by our forebears and continue God's kingdom work among the people who use them for worship, service, education, and fellowship;

**GOD IS PRESENT
IN YOUR ORDINARY**



Dates of Interest:

Ladies Lunch.....	Aug 5
RLS Parent Meeting.....	Aug 13
Coffeehouse	Aug 14
Campaign Kick Off.....	Aug 16
DivorceCare.....	Aug 17
RLS First Full Day.....	Aug 18
Confirmation Mtg.....	Aug 19
Men's Fellowship.....	Aug 19
Children's Min. Mtg....	Aug 23
Youth Min. Meetings...	Aug 23
RLP Parent Night.....	Aug 26
Blind Ministry.....	Aug 28
Taize.....	Aug 29
First HS Youth Group...	Aug 30
RLP Orientation.....	Aug 31

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- We intend to honor the sacred trust placed in us by doing all we can to ensure the well-being of those who pass through our doors—especially protecting the safety of the children and youth entrusted to our care at our church and schools;
- We intend to be good stewards of our financial resources and retire our current debt;
- We intend to reach out with the love of God in Christ Jesus to our community and world (mission tithe);
- We intend to make the most of our campus spaces at the heart of our church’s ministry Monday – Saturday (the Fellowship Hall, Fellowship Hall kitchen, and church offices) in a manner that is efficient, functional and welcoming.

I am encouraged to see our congregation coming together to meet the needs of this campaign! So many of you have already stepped up to serve. Over 50 people volunteered on our Campaign Announcement Weekend, which is where the call to be faithful stewards begins: with our time and talents. St. Peter writes: “As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.” After all, it is only through the redeeming work of Jesus who rescued us not with perishable things like silver and gold, but with his very own precious blood (1 Peter 1:18-19), that we are able to serve and find joy in our service.

Please join us for a very special time of fellowship as we kick off the campaign together on **August 16** at 12:30 pm in the Family Life Center gym. The event is for everyone—both kids and adults! Let’s gather to celebrate what God is accomplishing!

We not only water the garden gifted to us by God but “plant a tree” for the benefit of future generations. To God be the glory!

Peace and joy in Christ,
Pastor Jonathan

Gracious God,

We give thanks to You for our Resurrection Lutheran Church community that You have rooted in Your overflowing grace and guided by Your Word in this place since 1978.

We come before You, praying that You will continue to gift us to be a beacon of Your light and saving hope in Jesus Christ.

May our *Faith in Action* campaign be guided by You for the growth of Your kingdom. Help us make Your love known to those who need to know the love of Jesus.

We pray, Heavenly Father, that You will raise up faithful stewards of Your gifts and laborers for Your harvest.

In Jesus’ holy name, we pray.
Amen.



Capital Campaign
Faith in Action

You are cordially invited to attend our

**FAITH IN ACTION CAMPAIGN
KICK-OFF EVENT**

Sunday, August 16 at 12:30 pm
Family Life Center

Enjoy food, fun, and fellowship!

Families are encouraged to attend together and enjoy the children's activities being planned.

We will also be debuting our newly produced campaign brochure and video.

Gifts will not be solicited during this time.



[Click Here to RSVP by Sunday, August 9](#)

To learn about other various and beneficial ways that gifts can be made to our campaign, please also plan to attend our **Creative Giving Seminar on Tuesday, August 18 at 7:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall.

Questions? Contact Pastor Jonathan Blanke (jonathan.blanke@rlcary.org)
or Mike Heffner, Campaign Assistant, (mike.heffner@rlcary.org).

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.

Cross-Cultural Mission Engagement Team

Mission Minute

The Cross-Cultural Mission Engagement Team (CCMET) invites you to stop by our **Cambodian Coffee & Juice Bar** after all worship services on **Sunday, August 30!**

Enjoy a refreshing drink while supporting the 2027 Cambodia Mission Team as they prepare to serve alongside our LCMS missionaries in Cambodia this February. Your generous donations will help make this mission trip possible, and your prayers for the team and the people they will serve are deeply appreciated.

Thank you for partnering with us as we join Christ in His mission to share the Gospel!



One Flew Out of the Cuckoo's Nest

In the summer of 2020, my daughter left for college and a couple years later my son did his junior year of high school overseas in Spain. My wife and I found ourselves as empty nesters at least 2-years before we thought we would. We were confident in how we raised them both and knew they would flourish despite having their own missteps and struggles we all experience when we leave home. Empty nesting is a significant life transition many parents experience when their children leave home for college, work, or other pursuits. This period can evoke a mix of emotions, ranging from relief and newfound freedom to sadness and longing for their presence at home. While we enjoyed the freedom, we also had our moments: 18-years of ensuring they finished their homework, practiced the piano, made it to gymnastics and cheerleading and soccer and church, all that was changing in a big way. Nothing was going to be the same again. In the years since, we still get a little piece of that feeling each summer about this time as they head back for the next year of school.



Empty nesting isn't only about parents whose kids leave high school for the next adventure. It can be a challenging and emotional experience for those who have lost a loved one as well. The absence of daily interactions and the bustling energy of a full house can lead to feelings of loneliness and emptiness. Parents may find themselves longing for the sounds of laughter (or sibling rivalries) that once filled their home. The loss of a spouse or loved one can intensify these emotions, leaving individuals feeling alone as they navigate the complexities of grief and solitude.

This is where Stephen Ministry can help. Stephen Ministry offers compassionate care and support during this transitional period. Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers who provide one-on-one, confidential support to those facing various life challenges, including empty nesting. They offer a listening ear, emotional encouragement, and practical assistance, helping individuals process their feelings and find healthy ways to cope.

Whether it's discussing the joys of newfound freedom or sharing the pain of missing loved ones, Stephen Ministers help individuals explore new activities, set goals, and find meaning in this new phase of life.

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.



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

Galatians 6:2

Gifts & Memorials

For the Praise Band, *Reign!*

Thank you to RLC
for your continued generosity
and support.

From the
Triangle Wind Ensemble



Stewardship of Life & Health

Health Focus

Children's Eye Health and Safety

As we recognize Children's Eye Health and Safety Month in August, we are reminded that our children are precious gifts from God. Caring for their health is one way we honor the wonderful way He created them. Healthy vision is essential for learning, growing, and experiencing the beauty of God's creation.

Many vision problems can go unnoticed because children often don't realize they aren't seeing as clearly as they should. Parents are encouraged to schedule regular comprehensive eye exams and watch for subtle signs of vision issues such as squinting, frequent headaches, rubbing eyes, sitting too close to screens, or difficulty reading. Children may also wear protective eye-wear during sports and recreational activities to help prevent eye injuries.

Simple daily habits can make a big difference. Encourage outdoor play, offer a balanced diet rich in colorful fruits and vegetables, limit recreational screen time, and remind children to give their eyes regular breaks from digital devices.

As a church family, let us continue to pray for the health and well-being of our children and support parents and caregivers as they nurture the next generation. By protecting children's vision today, we help them more fully experience God's world and the opportunities He has prepared for them.

Personalized Health Counseling

Navigating healthcare questions, medications, or life transitions can feel overwhelming and confusing. To help support our church family, the Stewardship of Life & Health group at Resurrection Lutheran Church is offering Personalized Health Counseling.

This initiative connects you directly with healthcare workers in our own congregation to provide guidance, answer basic questions, and offer coaching. The coaching does not replace your primary or specialty care, but can offer compassionate support as you go through difficult health care decisions. The areas of counseling and coaching are:

- Medication Management and Education
- Hospice and Palliative Care
- Complex Diagnoses / Illness
- Lactation / Newborn Health
- General Health and Nutrition
- Fitness and Active Living

Getting started is simple:

Step 1: Email your question, name, and contact information to lifeandhealth@rlcary.org.

Step 2: A healthcare team member will respond within one week to set up a follow-up call.

Via de Cristo

Weekend at Camp Agape

Is it time in your life for a Spiritual renewal? Are you looking for a way to feel closer to God and grow in your Faith? Do you want to learn more about God's Grace? A great way to grow in your faith is to attend a Via de Cristo weekend.

The weekend of **September 17-20**, begins on Thursday evening and ends late on Sunday afternoon. During that time, you will attend chapel each day, sing lots of great songs, hear from lay people and clergy on how to grow in your faith, walk and serve Christ. Let's not forget the great food and snacks.

There are many people in our church who have attended a weekend who would love to share their experience. If you are interested in attending a weekend or have questions about Via de Cristo, please feel free to contact Lynne Hoffman through RCB, or the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).

BLOOD DRIVE

Save the Date

**Wednesday
November 11, 2026**

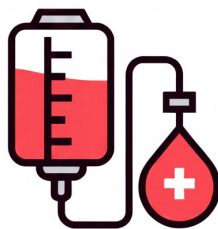
Donate Blood in Honor of
Our Veterans

@RLC

100 W. Lochmere Dr Cary, NC

12:00PM – 5:00PM

Sign-up Starts in September



Support Veterans and First Responders on Nov 11th

Sponsored by The RLC Stewardship of Life and Health
& The Blood Connection®

Happy Anniversary!

August 2

Tom and Jenny Kolb
35 years

August 10

Ray and Lecia Roberts
35 years

August 18

Pete and Vicki Brady
52 years

Mike and Shannon McSwiney
25 years

August 21

Terry and Sandy Brummeyer
55 years

August 24

Garland and Ann Johnson
68 years

August 29

Robert and Sally Cotton
67 years

August 31

Steve and Sue Best
30 years



Children and Family Ministry News



Children's Sunday School Registration

Important Dates!

Volunteer Info

- Meeting:
- August 23 @ 12:15
- room 151

Blessing of Learners and Teachers:

Aug 29 and 30

all services

First Day of Sunday School:

September 13

Register for the 2026-2027 School Year!

We pray that you had a fun and relaxing summer! The Children and Family Ministry team is beginning to prepare for a year of fellowship and fun!

Click the link below!

You are invited to serve!

Help little ones learn about the love of Jesus!

Help support families as they grow in faith!

Serve in Children's Ministry!

Many volunteers are needed in several areas:

Sunday school teacher, substitute teacher, Nursery care provider, Children's Church leader.

Blessing of Learners & Teachers

Learners and educators will be called forward during all worship services to receive a blessing for the upcoming school year!

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these".

Matthew 19:14



[Register Here: Children's Sunday School](#)

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

Middle School and High School Youth Ministry News

It is so exciting! Can you feel it? The energy a new school year brings; new teachers, new notebooks, new pens, new classes and things to learn. Wait. You are not excited?

Well, there is somewhere you can find a safe space to be surrounded by friends and immersed in God's uplifting truth. That is EXCITING! We will laugh, we will praise, we will relate, we will hope, we will serve, we will experience and we will do it all with Christ at the center. Youth Group is not possible without YOU! Come to the Open House, see what we will have to offer this year, check out schedules, fill out the participation forms, play a game or two, or just come and say hello. Want a job? There might be some cleaning or organizing you can do. Let's get ready for a great school year in the Youth Group! Colossians 3:2 says, "Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth."

YOU ARE INVITED! Always wanted to be an adult leader for youth? Here is your chance! Adult Leaders for Sunday School, servant events, late night events, Youth Group, trips, etc. - please plan on coming **Sunday, August 23** from 3:00-4:00 pm to fill out paperwork, check out changes, and we are going to have some official training this year! WooHoo! Whether this will be your first time or you have been with me now for 7 years, mark your calendars and come see what's happening!



AUG 16	Faith in Action Luncheon Have lunch then help w/clean up Plan on an hour after event
AUG 19	Confirmation Meeting for Youth and Parents 7pm
AUG 23	*Open House in the Warehouse All Middle School & High School Youth and Parents @ 1 - 3 pm *Youth Adult Leader Meeting 3 - 4pm
AUG 30	1st High School Youth Group 6:30 - 8:00pm





Resurrection Lutheran Preschool

Elizabeth Lynnes, Director

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*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
August 19	First Chapel of School Year
August 26-28	Middle School Retreat

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

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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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