

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 30, 2026



Pastor's Corner for August 30-September 5

Following Jesus (Matthew 16:21-28)

Then Jesus told His disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."

I don't like this verse. First, it's confusing. I always struggle with the question, "what's my cross and how am I to take it up?" I try and narrow down what area of my life is hard enough to be my cross, but inevitably, I end up figuring that my life is pretty easy compared to persecuted Christians around the world so I must not have a cross to bear right now, and if I don't have a cross to bear then am I really following Jesus? Second, I'm scared of this verse. I'm scared that I'm making excuses for not having a cross, that I'm shying away from real discipleship living. I'm scared that if I'm really honest with myself, there's more

to this verse than I'd really like to admit.

The ironic thing about this verse is that I'm willing to bet most Christians feel the same way I do about it, while at the same time we know what this verse is calling us to do, we just don't want to admit it. One of my favorite Church smart guys, Frederick D. Bruner says this about my least favorite verse, "*here Jesus spells out the crucial motive in discipleship: risking one's life on the dare that Jesus is It.*" Here, Jesus invites us (and it is an invitation, not a command!) to put aside our entire lives, our own desires, wants, and ideas of the good life, and actually live like Jesus is the Savior of the world. Live like nothing on earth is more important than Jesus, not our kids, our spouse, our paycheck, our sports teams, our schedules, our hobbies, our vacations, nothing. The invitation here is to actually live like Jesus really is the Lord of lords and King of kings like we confess.

I make this verse confusing because I'm terrified of how it actually calls me to live. This verse tells me that the good life of discipleship is a hard life this side of eternity. The cross that we take up is not a specific moment in our lives, it isn't a season that we endure or a person that we deal with. This cross is the entire life that we live as disciples, as followers of Jesus.

And there's the good news, we don't bear the cross alone. The invitation that Jesus gives isn't just to bear the burden of living a challenging life. If that were it, then being a disciple would just be a self-improvement plan that doesn't lead anywhere. Instead, being a disciple is one who follows Jesus. We follow the One who bore His own cross, dying for our sins, and rising from the grave. We follow the Resurrected and the Life, the Good Shepherd, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, the Bread of Life, the Light of the world, the Word made flesh, we follow the Savior of the world! You know, I might actually like this verse more than I thought.

Your disciple-brother in Christ,
Pastor Zach Sarrault

Prayers of the Church

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.



It is with great sadness and in Christian love and hope that we announce that the following brothers and sisters in Christ were called to rest with Jesus:

Gail Rasdorf on August 23, 2026. Our prayers are with her daughters, Emily and Marie.

Ed Yerha on August 23, 2026. Our prayers are with his wife, Carolyn.

Kathy Siemon on August 26, 2026. Our prayers are with her husband, Skip, and son, A.J. Memorial service will be **Saturday, September 5** at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary with a reception to follow.

Robert Cotton on August 26, 2026. Our prayers are with his wife, Sally.

Please hold all of these families in your prayers as they navigate this difficult time without their loved ones.

Read-A-Book, Get-A-Book

Fostering a love of reading makes a life-long impact!

Resurrection has been involved with a program that works to do just that: encouraging a love of reading and providing books each reader gets to keep.

This year marks our third year reading once a week with first and fourth graders at Reedy Creek Elementary School in Cary. This past school year we served 50 students and distributed 676 books to them.

Our Resurrection team is looking for more volunteers, and we hope you might consider joining us. Volunteering takes about an hour of your time on Monday mornings and is a great way to start the week. Reading together, seeing the delight in the children's eyes and their shy smiles is something pretty special.



If you are interested in being a part of something pretty special, please contact Juli Blanke and join our RLC team on **Saturday, August 29** at 10:00 am in Room 140, Family Life Center, to learn more about Read-A-Book, Get-A-Book. We'd love to have you!





Saturday, August 29

We will use the Taize format of worship for the Saturday, 6:00 pm service.

A darkened setting with candles, singing of short ostinato refrains of Biblical and liturgical phrases, periods of quiet for reflection, the celebration of communion, readings, and sermon.

BLESSING OF TEACHERS & STUDENTS



During all worship services the weekend of August 29-30, all students, educators, and school staff will be invited to come forward for a special back-to-school blessing. We look forward to beginning a new school year together and asking God to guide, strengthen, and bless our students and staff throughout the year!

Worship Services in the Sanctuary: Saturday 6:00 pm, Sunday 8:00 am, Sunday 9:30 am
Praise & Worship Service in the Family Life Center GYM: Sunday 11:00 am



Bagel Bunch for Men

Bagel Bunch is a group of men that meet **Tuesdays, 7:30-9:00 am** for coffee and fellowship. All men are welcome, come when you can.

Starting **Tuesday, September 1**, the group will be meeting at a new location - Asali Desserts & Cafe in MacGregor Village, Cary. Hope to see you there!

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



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

Music Ministry

Resurrection Lutheran Church's Music Ministry includes people of all ages, and all levels of musical ability and background. Together we give glory to God and serve as a blessing and inspiration to others through the use of our God-given talents in musical offerings. This year will be full of exciting, inspirational festivals and musical events.

Wednesday evening rehearsals begin on **September 2**. Heavenly Handbells will meet from 6:00-7:00 pm. Sanctuary Choir will rehearse from 7:00-8:30 pm.

Then on **Wednesday, September 9**, all groups will begin their usual Wednesday

evening schedule for the year:

5:00 pm - Jubilee Bells (2nd-6th grades)

5:30 pm - Rainbow Choir (4 years-1st grade), Sonshine Singers (2nd-6th grade)

6:00 pm - Heavenly Handbells (high school-adults)

8:00 pm - Sanctuary Choir (high school-adults)

There are other musical opportunities available for anyone who wants to share their musical gifts, including Celebration Singers, Reign! Praise Band, and Resurrection Brass Ensemble.

Vocal and instrumental solos, duets, and ensembles are always welcome as musical offerings and/or pre-service music.

If you wish to participate or have any questions, contact Bob Unger, Director of Music Ministry Emeritus, at robert.unger@rlcary.org or 919-851-7248 ext. 25.

Wednesday Evening Dinners

Join us for dinner on **Wednesdays, 5:15-6:00 pm, starting September 9** in the Family Life Center Gym!

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

Menu

September 9: Danny's BBQ Pulled Pork, Potato Salad, Hush Puppies, Cucumber Salad, Fruit and Banana Pudding

September 16: Roasted Chicken with Potatoes and Carrots, Broccoli Salad, Fruit and Pie

September 23: Jersey Mike's Subs, Chips, Fruit and Cookies

September 30: Taco Bar, Mexican Corn Salad, Fruit and Tres Leche Cake

All are welcome! Reservations are requested by 12:00 pm on Monday each week. [Click here to reserve!](#)

Suggested donation of \$7 per person or \$25 per family. Cash, check, or card payable at door. If you plan to attend multiple dinners, you may reserve and pay in advance.

We are looking for more Wednesday Night Dinners helpers. We prep at 3:30 pm, cover tables at 4:15 pm, serve at 5:15 pm, and clean up at 6:00 pm. [Sign up today!](#)

Questions? Contact Kim Simpson through RCB or the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org). We look forward to seeing you!

Adult Christian Education

Monday

DivorceCare

Mondays, 6:30-8:30 pm ~ August 17-November 16

Room 140, Family Life Center

Leader: Sue Campau

Resurrection is hosting a DivorceCare support group on Monday evenings. 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.

Women of the Word (WOW) - Seen by God, Sent to See Others

Mondays, 7:00-8:00 pm and Zoom Option ~ September 14-October 12

Room 151, Family Life Center

Contact: Jamee Thieme

Each week, we will discuss portions of the book, *Theo of Golden*, and use a companion Bible Study by author, Donna Snow. Participants should obtain their own copy of *Theo of Golden*. Copies of the Bible Study will be provided at class meetings. An identical class is offered on Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm in Room 151 starting September 9.

Tuesday

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 am ~ September 8-May 25

Fellowship Hall

Leaders: Pastor Jonathan Blanke, Pastor Zach Sarrault

God gives His Word to instruct, guide, and bless our lives. The Scripture lessons in worship offer a menu every week to build up the people of God in faith and hope. We will study the lessons for the following Sunday, and as we do, we expect that this Word will enrich and edify our community prayer, faith, and servant life in Christ.

Wednesday ~ Supper & Scripture

On Wednesdays, plan to join us for dinner, then stay for a variety of activities, including adult Christian education classes, Confirmation, youth events, and music ministry rehearsals!

The first Supper & Scripture for Fall 2026 will be Wednesday, September 9, 2026.

Christian Parenting - Questions They Ask

Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm ~ September 9-April 21

Room 240, Family Life Center

Leaders: Pastor Zach Sarrault and Erika Hulse, Children and Family Ministry Director

Our kids ask us a lot of questions. Are we prepared to answer them? When was the last time we actually answered these questions for ourselves? As Christian parents, we want to be ready to answer the faith-filled questions our kids give us, answering them in a way that is faithful to God's Word. Who is God? What is the Trinity? When is Jesus coming back? Where is heaven? How do we pray? Why did He allow sin? Join us and bring your own questions as we grow in God's calling to be Christian parents.

This Is the Church

Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm ~ September 9-October 7

Room 251, Family Life Center

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. Bring your Bible; a catechism will be provided.

Men's Ministry - A Study of Heroes of the Faith

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm (Fellowship at 6:30 pm) ~ September 9-23

Room 245, Family Life Center

Contact: Tom Gebbia

Are you curious about some of the less famous men and women in the Bible? Would you like to learn more about their lives, how they responded to God's call, and how we can apply these lessons to our lives today? The Men's group will study and discuss some of these using the *Heroes of the Faith* Series of

studies published by Concordia Publishing House.

We will study one person each week. We will learn about the cultural setting and life story of each person, examine the joys and challenges they faced and see how God forgave and empowered them. We will discuss how these lessons can apply to our lives as Christian men today. This year, we will learn about “quiet” heroes of the faith such as Hannah, Zacchaeus, Dorcas and John Mark. Led by Mark Otten.

Women of the Word (WOW) - Seen by God, Sent to See Others

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Room 151, Family Life Center
Contact: Jamee Thieme

Each week, we will discuss portions of the book, *Theo of Golden*, and use a companion Bible Study by author, Donna Snow. Participants should obtain their own copy of *Theo of Golden*. Copies of the Bible Study will be provided at class meetings.

An identical class and a Zoom option is available on Mondays, 7:00-8:00 pm in Room 151 starting September 14.

Sunday

The first Sunday session for Fall 2026 will start on Sunday, September 13, 2026.

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

Sunday School Stories... They're Not Just For Kids!
Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am ~ September 13-October 11
Fellowship Hall
Leader: Pastor Zach Sarrault

Creation, Noah's Ark, Jonah and the Whale, Daniel and the Lion's Den, these are some of the foundational Bible stories we are taught at a young age, then when

you hit a certain age you don't hear them used a whole lot in the church. Why are we taught them as kids? Do they still matter to adults?

Join me, and bring your Bible, as we dig a little deeper into some of the "Bible classics" to see what God was doing then and how He still uses these stories today!

Pick up a copy of the Christian Education Booklet, Fall 2026, in services this weekend!

Following Naomi

Widows Group

Following Naomi will resume their meetings on **Thursday, September 10** at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Our topic this month will be based on Sharing a Story about a Family Reunion. We encourage you to bring any mementos or souvenirs related to your family reunion.

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

The Next Coffeehouse for Special Needs Adults

Friday, September 11

We thank all our volunteers who help us to have wonderful Coffeehouses! We couldn't do it without our faithful volunteers. Please come be a volunteer! Our special needs guests love to attend these events, 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/3VAtWWO

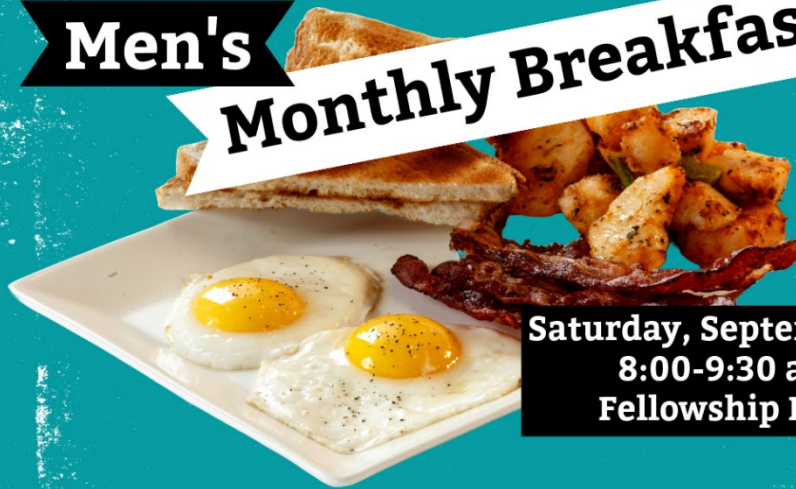
The next Coffeehouse is **Friday, September 11** from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Family Life Center. *Bona Fide Brass* will be playing for us.



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

Men's Ministry at RLC

Men's Monthly Breakfast



**Saturday, September 12
8:00-9:30 am
Fellowship Hall**

Men's Breakfast is held the 2nd Saturday of the month, September-May.
Join us at 8:00 am for breakfast, fellowship, song, and message.
Great way to start your Saturday! All men, teenager and up, are invited.

Pastor Zach Sarrault will lead this month.
Questions or to volunteer to help, contact Tom Gebbia
at mens-ministry@rlcary.org.

Newcomer to RLC?

We try to meet all our guests at worship, but we know we miss some of you. Even those we do meet; we don't get to know you very well.

The **Welcome to Resurrection Brunch** is an opportunity for us to get to know you better and you get to know who we are too!

Join us on **Saturday, September 12** from 10:00-11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall to eat good food, have good conversation, and tour our facilities. Kids are invited!

Questions or to RSVP, please contact Pastor Zach at zach.sarrault@rlcary.org.

Via de Cristo
Weekend at Camp Agape
September 17-20

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 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 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).



Personalized Health Counseling

Stewardship of Life & Health

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.

Faith in Action Prayer Vigil: **Come Pray with Us!**

Save the date and join us on **Saturday, October 10** from 2:00-3:30 pm. More details will be coming soon!

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.



Children and Family Ministry News

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! Register here:
[Children's Sunday School Registration](#)

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**

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.
Contact: Erika Hulse at erika.hulse@rlcary.org for more information on ways to serve!

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

Children's Sunday School Registration



[Children's Sunday School Registration](#)

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

RLC YOUTH SCHEDULE



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



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

Resurrection Lutheran Preschool

We had a blast at Parent Night this week! From the classrooms to the sanctuary to our annual celebratory dinner, every moment was filled with joy and excitement for the year ahead.

We can't wait to welcome all of our kiddos back to campus next week!



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Resurrection Lutheran School

Our middle school students are having an amazing time at their retreat near Pine Knoll Shores!

From exploring God's incredible creation to learning together outside the classroom, this retreat is filled with hands-on experiences, fellowship, and plenty of fun. We are so thankful for our teachers and chaperones who are making this experience possible for our students.

What a wonderful way to learn, grow, and make memories together!



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Latest Lion's Tale

WORSHIP SERVICES

Traditional Worship
in Sanctuary

Saturday, 6:00 pm
Sunday, *8:00 & 9:30 am

Praise Worship
in Family Life Center

Sunday, *11:00 am

**Services Live Streamed to YouTube*

For online services, connect through our YouTube channel at
youtube.com/@ResurrectionLutheranCary
or through our website at
rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship.

RLC Worship Servants and Training

There is always a need for more volunteers to assist in all of our worship services. Please consider being a greeter or usher, a worship assistant or lay reader, a slide tech or live stream team member. Feel free to reach out directly to the following for more information:

- Saturday, 6:00 pm - Lori Jannings
- Sunday, 8:00 am - Brenda Peterson
- Sunday, 9:30 am - Dara Linn
- Sunday, 11:00 am - Lynne Hoffman

You may also contact the church office at 919-851-7248
or office@rlcary.org for assistance.

This Week's Visual Faith Sheet

This Week's Visual Faith Children's Bulletin

Weekly Attendance

In-Person Worship Attendance:

Saturday, August 22

6:00 pm - 71

Sunday, August 23

8:00 am - 98

9:30 am - 176

11:00 am - 85

Total In-Person Worship: 430

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel:

Sunday, August 23

8:00 am - 95

11:00 am - 37

Total Online Views: 132

Financial Update

June 2026 Year End

Budgeted Giving to Date: \$1,520,000

Actual Giving to Date: \$1,595,231

Current Over/(Under) Giving: \$75,231

Budgeted Expenses to Date: \$

Actual Expenses to Date: \$1,461,717

Current Under/(Over) Spend: \$51,259

July 2026

Budgeted Giving to Date: \$123,258

Actual Giving to Date: \$108,777

Current Over/(Under) Giving: \$(14,481)

Budgeted Expenses to Date: \$129,378

Actual Expenses to Date: \$121,122

Current Under/(Over) Spend: \$8,256

Questions? Contact finance@rlcary.org.

Church Calendar



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Prayers of the Church – August 30, 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, 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, Scott Brinkley, Hope Mackelprang, Melissa Huntsman, Sue, Kathy, Pamm Haley, Bob, Michael Murphy, *Greta Nelson, *Marina de Moura Torres, Ames, Emily, *Alison Whatley, Lyn Becksford, Steve Press

For Expectant Moms

Cassie Melsom, Victoria Ghiold

Those Prayed for on August 23, 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
- For the Recent Rain
- *Elizabeth Lynnes, Installation as the New Resurrection Lutheran Preschool Director
- Resurrection Lutheran School and Resurrection Lutheran Preschool, New School Years
- Birth of Hans Friedrich Jensen, Grandson of Pastor Dave and Beth Schleusener
- Kick Off Luncheon and *Faith in Action* Campaign
- Completion and Dedication of the New Resurrection Lutheran School Entryway
- Emma and Channing Wedding

For Healing

- *Kim Goss
- All Those Who Have Illnesses - COVID, RSV, Flu, Viruses
- Blind Ministry Guests - Helen Rice-Lyles, Daria Radford, Mary Williams, Judy Dean, Kathy Stegall, Norma McCord

- *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
- Clare Roberts, Recovery, Mother of *Michelle Wood
- *Charlotte Raines
- Cynthia Wyse
- *Fern Frusti
- Deb, Sister of *Pam Dickson
- Hayes, Belle, Childhood Cancer
- *Clinton Peterson
- Khari Otten
- Henry, Grandson of *Mark and *Pat Otten
- Tommi
- Lorrie Muller, Cancer Treatment
- Mike Hodgin
- Justin Shellaway, Brain Tumor Treatment
- Donna Day, Pancreatic Cancer Treatment
- Dave Koester, ALS, and Wife Ruth
- *Trudy Haertling, Recovery
- *Dennis Merrill, Recovery
- *Sue Sanders
- Carolyn, Continued Healing
- Evelyn Bloom
- Kale, Stomach Cancer Treatment
- Glenda Moser
- *Vern Ebert
- *Devin Hilldale
- *Mary Newhouse
- *Anne Altieri
- Tricia Bradley, Recovery
- Ethan Nagel, Healing
- Steve Press, Healing
- *Elizabeth Morgan, Healing
- Upcoming Surgery
- Medical Tests
- Karen, Carly, Grayson, Paul, Steve, Deeann, Breeann, Ethan, Trudy, Kathy, Marina, Rick, Nick, George, James, Dick, Van, Gary, Rhianna, Bill, Cecilia, Greta, Richard, Rosemary, Wilma, Mindy, Pam, Donna, Linda, Bob, Fran, Gabby, Carmella, Lily, Addison, Ed, Brittany, Susan, Gene, Lois, Walter, Mark, Kristin and Baby, Vivien, Douglas, Don, David, Marti, Suzi, Joe, Corey, Herbi, Jeri, Laverne, Jackie, Judith, Julie, Jack, Sandy, Paige, Eric, Justin

For Comfort

- Family and Friends of Gail Rasdorf, Especially Daughters Emily and Marie
- Family and Friends of *Ed Yerha, Especially Wife Carolyn
- Family and Friends of Kathy Siemon, Especially Husband Skip
- Family and Friends of *Robert Cotton, Especially Wife Sally

For Provision, Peace, Strength, and Patient Endurance

- Persecuted Christians
- World Peace
- Cambodia Lutheran Church
- 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
- 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
- Those Enduring Marriage Struggles and Families in Turmoil, Resolutions
- 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
- Our Government and Leaders
- Jeri Breitsprecher, Mother of *Sue Campau, Managing Mental Decline and Guidance for Her Family
- Those in the Process of Selling Homes for Aging Parents, Plus Related Family Matters
- Resolution of Discord in Families
- Peaceful Resolution to War with Iran, People of the Middle East
- 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
- Dick Huffman and Family
- Jack Simpson and His Family, Father-In-Law of *Kim Simpson
- Heather Whitehurst
- Those Struggling with Addiction
- Those with Mental Health Issues
- *Cheryl Roth
- Keith Whitehurst

- Steve Skog, and His Mother Mary Taking Care of Him
- Carli, Recovery from Addiction
- Richard and Rosemary Staley
- Susan Franzone
- Preparations for Via de Cristo, Mixed 112 Weekend

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
- Vicar Christopher Reed, SMP Training and Vicarage, and His Family
- Resurrection Lutheran Church and Schools Staff
- Area Pastors and Schools Staff
- Our Stephen Ministers
- Our Caring Presence Ministry
- DivorceCare Program, Facilitators and Participants, New Group Beginning in August
- Our *Faith in Action* Capital Campaign with Thanksgiving for Campaign Team Volunteers

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
- Cross-Cultural Mission Engagement Team
- Long-Term Impact of Leadership Training, Sponsored by RLC for Pastors, Teachers, and Lay Leaders of the Cambodia Lutheran Church
- Cambodia Mission Trip Team for February 2027
- Kairos Prison Ministry

For Our Missionaries

- JP and Aimee Cima, Cambodia
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*Lord Jesus, thank You for Your abiding Presence and saving grace. All is in Your Hands.
 We trust You are working all things according to Your good plan and purposes,
 and with that trust and confidence, we release these prayers to You. In Your Holy Name, Amen.*