Last Sunday of the Church Year
November 22, 2026



Pastor's Corner for November 22-28, 2026

A Story of Food
(Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24)

I don't know about you, but when it's time to plan for the Thanksgiving meal every bit of food comes with a story in the Sarrault house. When Kelsey and I planned our first Thanksgiving meal a few years ago, we cobbled together our favorites from when we were kids, as well as some new things that we added from our own new family. The green bean casserole is from Kesley's mom, and the mashed potatoes are from my mom. The brown bag turkey is from Kesley's dad, and the potatoes rolls are from my dad. The bacon wrapped sweet potatoes are from our own story, pulling up memories from our basement apartment in St. Louis. As we crowd around the kitchen on Thanksgiving, calling family and watching football, we tell the same stories every year, stories that revolve around the food being prepared.

The fun part about these food stories is that almost every dish comes from a certain person. We get to take the time talking about a specific family member,

which usually leads to the phone call in attempt to bring them a little closer. By the time we sit down at the table, overflowing with food, we can't help but feel that our family is just a tiny bit closer than that 100's of miles that separate us.

That's what food and stories are supposed to do, bring the family closer, and that's our Savior's goal, to bring us closer to Him. **"And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and He shall feed them: He shall feed them and be their Shepherd"** (Ezekiel 34:23). Jesus is the servant David, our Good Shepherd who has entered into our world, our lives, our homes to sit at our table and feed us, His sheep. He knows that we all appreciate a good meal with good people, so He gives us the Good Food of Himself the Good Shepherd.

This Food of the Shepherd also comes with a story. In fact, when our Good Shepherd feeds us, His Food is the Story! Jesus feeds us with His Body and Blood, with His Word, which brings us into the Story of Salvation, giving us a seat at the table of eternal Thanksgiving.

We have a busy week ahead of us, filled (I pray!) with family, food, and stories but let us not forget the One who continues to fill us. The Good Shepherd will be with you at your table this week, just like He is every week, and He comes with the same goal He always has. He has come to feed you with the Story of Salvation, bringing you the life for which we are eternally thankful.

Your thankful brother in Christ,
Pastor Zach Sarrault

Please note, the church office will be closed **Thursday, November 26** and **Friday, November 27**. Happy Thanksgiving!

Prayers of the Church



Baptized on Saturday, November 21 at 6:00 pm

Wesley Robert Lenzen

born January 30, 2019,
son of Robert Lenzen and Sara Lenzen.

Godparents are Mark Milam and Sam Ayoub.

May God's blessing be upon Wesley Robert as he grows in his baptismal grace.



Baptized on Sunday, November 22 at 9:30 am

Aurora Rose Melsom

born August 26, 2026,
son of Stephen John Melsom and Kassandra Rose Melsom.

Godparents are Ashley & John Tarpley and Kendall Nizza.

May God's blessing be upon Aurora Rose as she grows in her baptismal grace.



Sign Up for Altar Flowers!

Mites for Missions

We will be collecting Mites for Missions at all services this weekend, **November 21 and 22**. Please place your gifts in the large purple Mite Box in the Narthex near Sanctuary Worship.

Gifts can also be made by check, payable to RLC, and mailed directly to Donna Krupcale, % Resurrection Lutheran Church, 100 W. Lochmere Drive, Cary NC 27518. The large Mite Box is always available at the Welcome table in the Narthex for gifts anytime during the month.



Thank you for supporting the mission grants of Lutheran Women in Mission!

Holy Land Christians & Crafts

This weekend, **November 21-22**, we will be hosting a nice display of handmade olive wood religious carvings from Bethlehem that are available for purchase in our Narthex. These carvings include olivewood nativity sets, crosses, Christmas ornaments, candle holders, angels, and many other religious crafts that would make wonderful wedding, baptism, Easter, and especially Christmas gifts.

These carvings are handmade by Christian families in Bethlehem who rely on sales for their daily bread. For several years, Bethlehem Christians have been enduring many hardships getting daily bread as tourism in Bethlehem has plummeted and access to other sources of income has been sharply restricted due to persecution and the ongoing war. Many Christians left their homeland. The Christian population of the Holy Land went down from 30% in the last century to almost 1% today.

Please help support our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem by purchasing their carvings. Let us keep Bethlehem a Christian town forever. Proceeds support Christian families in Bethlehem and Beit Sahour.



Visit their website to see the carvings: holylandcsc.com.

• YOUNG FAMILIES •
gathering



Join us for food, fun, and fellowship on
Sunday, November 22 at 3:00 pm
at the home of the Sarrault family
(7529 Faith Haven Ct., Willow Spring).

Chili Cook-Off! Bring your favorite chili or soup to share.

RSVP to Pastor Zach or Kelsey Sarrault.

The Caring Thread: Join Us Sunday!

The Caring Thread will meet **Sunday, November 22** at 4:00 pm in the Library, Room 151, in the Family Life Center. Everyone is welcome!

Bring your current knitting or crochet project and enjoy some fellowship. New to knitting or crochet? We'd love to teach you or help you refresh your skills! We have yarn, patterns, needles, and crochet hooks available, so you don't need to bring anything to get started.

We're currently collecting hats and scarves for *Neighbor to Neighbor*, a local charity serving our community.

Come join us as we put our caring hands to work!

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



We gather for worship on the eve of this national Day of Thanksgiving with joyful hearts, and we raise our hymns and prayers in gratitude to God for an abundance of blessings. God, in His Grace, has given us all that we need for body and soul. We respond with thanksgiving, recognizing that all we have is from His Grace.

Join us in the Sanctuary for Worship and Holy Communion!
Wednesday, November 25 at 7:00 pm

Live stream available on YouTube @ResurrectionLutheranCary.
There will be no other Wednesday night activities held.

Adult Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study
The Prophets: God's Oracles
Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am ~ October 18-December 20
Fellowship Hall
Led by Larry Cameron

This series of classes will examine the major themes of the books of the prophets. Topics include humanity's core problem, God's perfect justice, the goal of restoration, and God's desire for a permanent dwelling place among His people. The names and titles by which God presents Himself and the key metaphors He uses also reveal much about the God whom we worship.

Those attending need bring only their Bibles. Additional handouts will be provided.

Tuesday

No 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 ~ Limited Supper & Scripture

On Wednesdays during Advent, we will have limited offerings. Dinner, Christian Parenting, Kidz Live, and Middle School Youth Group will resume on January 6.

Men's Ministry, Confirmation, and Music Ministry rehearsals will continue. Check with your group leader for adjusted schedules.

Men's Ministry
Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm (Fellowship at 6:45 pm)
Room 245, Family Life Center
Contact: Tom Gebbia

Schedule:
November 25 - No Meeting, Happy Thanksgiving!

December 2 - Fire Pit Devotion, Following Advent Midweek Service, 6:45 pm
Meet at 3rd Row of RLC Parking Lot. Bring chair and beverage.
December 9 - Potluck and Gift Exchange, Following Advent Midweek Service, 6:45 pm
Meet in Room 245. Dirty Santa Men/Tool Gift Themed ~$20. Bring a meat, side, or sweet to share.
Then we will be on break until January.

The Christmas trees are here!

The Christmas Store is an outreach of United Church at 820 East Williams Street (Hwy. 55) in Apex, NC and exists to provide gifts at Christmas to children in low-income families by engaging volunteers in meaningful community service.

The store will be open this year on December 11-12 for families to shop. All toys collected go to The Christmas Store. All toys and tags need to be **returned by Sunday, November 29**.



Volunteers are needed at United Church from December 11-12 to help with parking, greeting, gift wrapping, shopping, and more. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer to work at the Christmas Store, please go to this link: christmasstorenc.com/volunteers.

Contact the Human Care Committee through RCB or the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org).



VOTERS' MEETING

December 6

Please join us on **Sunday, December 6** at 12:30 pm in the Sanctuary for our final Voters' Meeting of 2026.

Our most important order of business will be to vote for three council member positions.

We will also be getting updates from the *Faith in Action* Campaign, Resurrection Lutheran School, Resurrection Lutheran Preschool, Human Care Committee, Cross-Cultural Mission Engagement Team, and much more!



Sign Up: bit.ly/4e9eiKC

The Next Coffeehouse
for Special Needs Adults

A big **thank you** to our wonderful volunteers, our congregation, and all the Glory to God for another year of the Coffeehouse at Resurrection!

We do not have the Coffeehouse in December, so our next gathering will be on **Friday, January 8** in the Family Life Center Gym.

We will be celebrating *25 years* of the Coffeehouse at Resurrection! Come join us as a volunteer.



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

Phishing Scams

Please be aware of phishing scams that impersonate Pastor Jonathan, or any of our pastors, through text or email.

Our pastors would *never* contact you directly asking for gift cards or other monetary forms.

As technology advances, scams are becoming more sophisticated. Please be wary of requests asking for money. Ask a trusted family member or friend, if you

have doubts about the validity of a text or email.

If you have any questions whether a text or email from Resurrection is legitimate, please call or email the church office (919-851-7248, office@rlcary.org) before engaging with these messages.

Would you prefer a magnetic nametag?



We will be placing another group order, as the more we order the lower the cost. The cost would be between $12 and $15 each depending on how much interest there is.

If interested, please email margaret.hyatt@rlcary.org with your preferred name. Once we see how many respond, we'll get back to you with the final cost and confirm you want us to order your nametag(s). Thanks!

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.



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

I am so grateful the **High School Youth** would like to continue our Friendsgiving tradition. It will be **Sunday, November 22** from 6:30-8:00 pm.

What is it? Well, the idea is that everyone brings some kind of food to the table to share. Every year our table looks different. We have had tables that look a lot like the kids table with chicken tenders, french fries, carrot sticks, and applesauce. We have had appetizer tables and we have had dessert tables. Really anything goes!

The only thing I specifically ask that youth do NOT bring is any type of shellfish due to allergies. For those of you that are new to the group, will this be a dinner? Maybe. I never know but we will have lots of fun and share delicious foods and laugh!


GIVE THANKS
FRIENDSGIVING
GOOD FOOD.
WARM HEARTS.
GRATEFUL MOMENTS.
BRING FOOD TO PASS:
BRING A FAVORITE FOOD TO SHARE AND WE WILL HAVE OUR OWN FRIENDSGIVING CELEBRATION
HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP
NOV. 22 @ 6:30 - 8 PM


RLC YOUTH
NOVEMBER SCHEDULE
SUNDAY SCHOOL
NOV. 1, 15, 22
9:30 - 10:30 AM
MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP
NOV. 4 & 18
6:00 - 7:00 PM
HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP
NOV. 1, 8, 22
6:30 - 8:00 PM
SERVICE PROJECTS:
** SIGN UP NOW FOR SPEAKING PARTS FOR HANGING OF THE GREENS SERVICE
**NOV. 29 - DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS
PSALM 100:4 "ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING AND HIS COURTS WITH PRAISE; GIVE THANKS TO HIM AND PRAISE HIS NAME."

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

Resurrection Lutheran Preschool



rlpcary.org | **919-851-7270** | office@rlpcary.org

Resurrection Lutheran School

Our middle school students came together dressed in blue to raise awareness for diabetes and show their support for one of their fellow students. It was a simple gesture, but one that spoke volumes about the kindness, compassion, and sense of community we are blessed to have at RLS!



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 - Anna List
- 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

Thanksgiving Visual Faith Sheet

Weekly Attendance

In-Person Worship Attendance:

Saturday, November 14
6:00 pm - 65

Sunday, November 15
8:00 am - 100
9:30 am - 155
11:00 am - 90

Total In-Person Worship: 410

Views of Online Worship at RLC's YouTube Channel:

Sunday, November 15
8:00 am - 136
11:00 am - 68

Total Online Views: 204

Financial Updates

October 2026

Budgeted Giving to Date: $493,030
Actual Giving to Date: $477,690
Current Over/(Under) Giving: $(15,340)

Budgeted Expenses to Date: $517,514
Actual Expenses to Date: $515,425
Current Under/(Over) Spend: $2,089

Questions? Contact finance@rlcary.org.

Church Calendar



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Prayers of the Church – November 22, 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, Dan

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

*Victoria Ghiold, *Melainey Campos

Those Prayed for on November 15, 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
- Worship in the Park, Our Resurrection Lutheran School Choirs, and Our Sister Congregation, Mekane Jesu, for Their Sharing of Food
- *Sue Campau, Commissioned as LCMS Southeastern District Lay Deacon
- Faithful Stewards Who Are Supporting Our *Faith in Action* Campaign with Their Gifts and Pledges
- Lori and Christina's Birthdays
- Ryan's Baptismal Birthday

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, Sloane - 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
- Dave Koester, ALS, and Wife Ruth
- Evelyn Bloom
- *Vern Ebert
- *Anne Altieri
- Steve Press, Healing
- Herbie Campau, Home and Recovering
- Lyn B., Wisdom and Discernment for Doctors
- Mark Zimmerman, Wisdom and Discernment for Doctors
- Ruth Weiser, Recovery
- Vivian Morris
- Ann Ludu
- Courtney Hoffmeister Blanford, Recovery from Injuries
- Karen, Carly, Grayson, Debra, John, Mike, Andy, Steve, Zeal, Veronica, Sam, Ricky, Gaylon, Linda, Jackie, DeAnn, Breeann, Ethan, Greta, Cecilia, Don, David, Catherine, Ruth, Gary, Kim, Irene, Gene, Pam, Susan, James, Brittany, Jane, Gabby, Fred, Addison, Lily, Courtney, Marcus, Emily, Lester, Russel, Mindy, Richard, Rosemary, George, Walter, Lois, Mark, Peter, Bill, Darlene, Virginia, Joe, Laverne, Herbi, Jeri, Rose, Peter, Eric, Mara, Paige, Justin, Julie, Jack, Sandy, Connie, Suzi, Darlene, Vivien, Barbara

For Comfort

- Family and Friends of Barbara Bruening Unger, Mother of *Bob Unger
- Family and Friends of Karen Miller, Sister of *Laurel Yost and Aunt of *Suzi Heffner
- Family and Friends of Judy Strickland, Friend of *Laurel Yost
- Family and Friends of Carolyn (CP) Pooler, Friend of *Marcia Shaw
- Family and Friends of Eleanor Vinson
- Family and Friends of Those Involved in the Cycling Accident in Apex on November 7
- Family and Friends of Carson Fisher

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 and Rich Bloom
- Those Enduring Marriage Struggles and Families in Turmoil, Resolutions
- Those Seeking Jobs and Career Changes
- Victims, Families, and Communities Suffering with Gun Violence
- *Jim and *Thelma Rhodes
- *Rundle Family
- Marion Cecconi, Mother of *Lecia Cecconi-Roberts
- Our Government and Leaders
- Jeri Breitsprecher, Mother of *Sue Campau, Managing Mental Decline, Guidance for Family
- Those in the Process of Selling Homes
- 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
- Jack Simpson and His Family, Father-In-Law of *Kim Simpson
- Heather Whitehurst
- For Much Needed Rain
- Those Struggling with Addiction
- Those with Mental Health Issues
- *Cheryl Roth
- Keith Whitehurst
- Carli, Recovery from Addiction
- Richard and Rosemary Staley
- Jim and Margaret Ryan
- *Mindy and *Marty Stephani
- *Diane and *Terry Cuper
- *Ben Nissing, Deployment with Army National Guard, and Wife *Erin
- Widows and Widowers

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
- 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
- Our *Faith in Action* Capital Campaign

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
- Cambodia Mission Trip Team for February 2027
- Kairos Prison Ministry

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** *Updated 11/20/26*