

Resurrection Lutheran Church (RLC) offers a broad array of Christian education opportunities to grow in grace, including Sunday morning education classes for adults and children, Confirmation classes, midweek Bible studies, and Vacation Bible School held in the summer.

**The first session of Winter 2026 will start on Sunday, January 4, 2026.**

Any questions can be directed to the church office at [office@rlcary.org](mailto:office@rlcary.org) or 919-851-7248.

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# Sunday Mornings

RLC values Christian education, for adults and children, and considers it to be an essential part of a healthy equipping ministry. We offer Sunday School opportunities for all ages from 9:30-10:30 am, September through May.

**The first Sunday session for Winter 2026 will start on Sunday, January 4, 2026.**

## **Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study** **Christianity's Influence on American Literature**

**Date and Time:** Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am ~ January 4-February 15

**Location:** Fellowship Hall

**Leader:** Larry Cameron



A nation's culture is defined in large part by its literature. Since many of our earliest settlers came seeking freedom to practice their Christian faith, much of what they wrote reflects a rich Biblical heritage. Writers in following generations continued that tradition.

We will examine poetry and prose selections from more than a dozen famous American writers, including Anne Bradstreet, John Greenleaf Whittier, Countee Cullen, Nathaniel Hawthorne, and Stephen Crane. This study will reveal how widespread and enduring has been the Bible's influence on our literature.

All materials will be provided in each session. Please bring your Bible as we trace the links between Scripture and each literary selection. Some will be available.

## **Sunday School for Youth**

**Date and Time:** Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am ~ September 7-May 17

**Location:** The Warehouse, Room 253, Family Life Center

**Leader:** Jenny Piontek, Youth Director

For Middle School (6th-8th Grade) and High School (9th-12th Grade) Youth, our Enduring Faith Bible curriculum is a flexible curriculum that nurtures lifelong disciples of Jesus. We walk through the whole Bible and its major themes, tracing God's plan of salvation from Genesis to Revelation. Let's dive into our Enduring Faith!

## **Sunday School for Children**

**Date and Time:** Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am ~ September 7-May 17

**Contact:** Erika Hulse, Children and Family Ministry Director

We explore God's Word beginning in the book of Genesis. Enduring Faith Bible curriculum is Christ centered, age appropriate, and offers a variety of activities to engage all learners. Teachers and students will read Bible accounts, participate in hands-on activities, play games, and make projects. Classes in the Family Life Center.

\* Preschool in Room 132

\* Kindergarten-1st Grade in Room 135

\* 2nd-3rd Grade in Room 131

\* 4th-5th Grade in Room 133

# Supper & Scripture on Wednesdays

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 Winter 2026 will be on Wednesday, January 7, 2026.**

**Join us for dinner on Wednesdays from 5:15-6:00 pm 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!

All are welcome! Online reservations at [rlcary.org](http://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.

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## Adult Christian Education

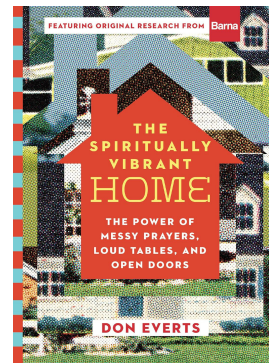
### Christian Parenting - The Spiritually Vibrant Home

**Date and Time:** Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm ~ January 7-February 11

**Location:** Room 240, Family Life Center

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

We all long for homes where we can thrive and flourish. What does it take to have a spiritually vibrant household? Don Everts invites us to contemplate what the Bible says about households and consider what a new research project has revealed by pulling back the curtains on everyday households of faith. The project shows that some of the healthiest, most vibrant homes extend beyond the nuclear family and include people that may not be biologically related but feel like family. In the end you might just be surprised by how God wants to work in and through your household. And you'll have practical steps for nurturing a vibrant household of faith, no matter what stage of life you are in.



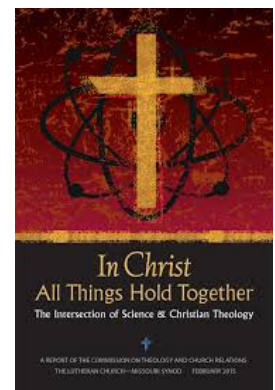
### Bring Your Questions: Faith and Science

**Date and Time:** Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm ~ January 7-February 11

**Location:** Room 251, Family Life Center

**Leader:** Pastor Jonathan Blanke

This class will be an in-depth examination of a topic introduced this past fall in Pastor Jonathan's "Bring Your Questions" class. How can (or how should) Christian theology embrace science? Using the Bible, a report of the Commission on Theology and Church Relations of the LCMS (In Christ All Things Hold Together), and a variety of other Christian resources, we will discuss the nuanced and multi-dimensional way that science and faith can relate to one another. Topics included will be "Reading God's Word," "Science in the Christian School Classroom," "Theology of the Cross vs. Theology of Glory," and more.



# Supper & Scripture on Wednesdays

## Women of the Word (WOW)

### Chosen: A Study of Esther

**Date and Time:** Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm (Fellowship at 6:45 pm)

January 7-May 20

**Location:** Fellowship Hall

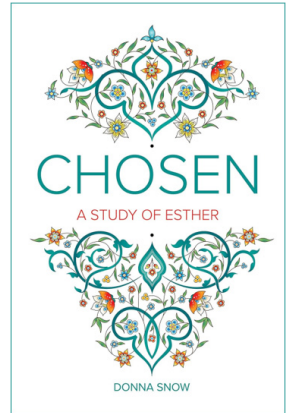
**Contact/Leader:** Jamee Thieme and Study Leader, Shane Jarvis

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.

**Materials:** Chosen: A Study of Esther by Donna Pyle is available for self purchase through Amazon (paperback and digital formats).

A Zoom group version of this will be available on Mondays, 7:00-8:00 pm.



## Men's Ministry - A Study in Ruth

**Date and Time:** Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm (Fellowship at 6:30 pm)

January 7-February 11

**Location:** Room 245, Family Life Center

**Contact/Leader:** Tom Gebbia and Study Leader, Mike Heffner



The book of Ruth tells an unforgettable tale of purity, faithfulness, innocence, loyalty, duty, and love. Yet it is set in dark times - during the period of the judges - which is best described as an era of political and religious decentralization, frequent warfare, moral decline, lawlessness, and spiritual apostasy. This is foreshadowed in the final verse of the book of Judges, which precedes Ruth, and tells us that "in those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes" (Judges 21:25).

Against this backdrop of strife and chaos, Ruth is a story of ordinary people making the most of their bad situation, and finding God in the midst of it. The book of Ruth corrects the belief that our lives must be extraordinary to be useful. Whether our circumstances are difficult, seemingly mundane, or somewhere in between, God is always working His purposes out. Throughout this study, we will learn to be still and explore how God's loving hand is working in our lives - even in the midst of life's humdrum and routine events.



# Supper & Scripture on Wednesdays

## Youth Christian Education

### First Communion

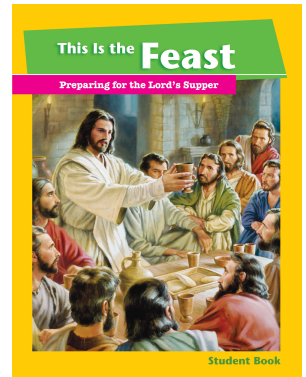
**Date and Time:** Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm ~ January 7-February 11

**Location:** Room 251, Family Life Center

**Leader:** RLC Called Teacher Tyler Timm

First Communion instruction for 5th grade youth (and others interested) will be held on Wednesday evenings, using *This Is the Feast: Preparing for the Lord's Supper* (CPH).

Students are asked to watch the movie, *Prince of Egypt* before the first class.



### Save these dates!

Wednesday, April 1, 2026 - Christian Seder Meal

Maundy Thursday, April 2, 2026 - First Communion

### Confirmation

**Date and Time:** Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm ~ September 3-April 22

**Location:** Room 240, Family Life Center

**Leader:** Pastor Zach Sarrault

Confirmation is a valued step in the faith formation of our youth. It is a time for 7th and 8th graders to confirm the faith that they were baptized into and grow in the knowledge and grace of their Savior. They see how God has worked in the past and still works today, equipping them to live in family that God has baptized them into.

Bible and Catechism provided.

### Save these dates!

Wednesday, April 29, 2026 - Confirmation Banquet

Sunday, May 3, 2026 - Confirmation Sunday



# Supper & Scripture on Wednesdays

## For Children and Youth

### **Kidz Live**

**Date and Time:** Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm ~ September 3-May 20

**Location:** Room 151, Family Life Center

**Contact:** Erika Hulse, Children and Family Ministry Director

Children, Kindergarten-5th Grade, will participate in a devotion, activity, and then play games or complete a fun project.

### **K.I.C.K.S. (Kids In Christ Keep Shining)**

**Date and Time:** 2nd Wednesday of the Month, 6:00-7:00 pm ~ September 10-May 13

**Location:** Family Life Center Gym

**Contact:** Erika Hulse, Children and Family Ministry Director

During this Youth Group for 3rd-5th grades, children will have opportunities to participate in devotions, seasonal activities, service projects, games, crafts, and more.

Led by Kim and Dave Breiler. There will also be some off-campus activities and events.



### **Middle School Youth Group**

**Date and Time:** Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm ~ September 3-April 22

**Location:** The Warehouse, Room 253, Family Life Center

**Leader:** Jenny Piontek, Youth Director

Middle school students (6th-8th grade) are in an important stage of faith building. The goal is to spark that faith flame and watch it grow! We have fun, ask questions, build our team and group up, learn, serve, engage, grow, and take that faith spark out into our homes, church, families, and community.

# Supper & Scripture on Wednesdays

## Music Ministry

### Jubilee Bells

For: 2nd-6th Grade Youth Interested in Ringing

Date and Time: Wednesdays, 5:00-5:30 pm ~ September 10-May 20

Location: Sanctuary

### Rainbow Choir

For: 4 years-1st Grade Children Interested in Singing

Date and Time: Wednesdays, 5:30-6:00 pm ~ September 10-May 20

Location: Sanctuary

### Sonshine Singers

For: 2nd-6th Grade Youth Interested in Singing

Date and Time: Wednesdays, 5:30-6:00 pm ~ September 10-May 20

Location: Choir Room

### Heavenly Handbells

For: Adult and High School Age Ringers

Date and Time: Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm ~ September 3-May 27

Location: Sanctuary

### Sanctuary Choir

For: Adult and High School Age Vocalists

Date and Location: Wednesdays, 8:00-9:00 pm ~ August 27-June 3

Location: Sanctuary



Questions? Contact Bob Unger, Director of Music Ministry, Emeritus  
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# Weekdays and Other Events

## Adult Christian Education

### **DivorceCare**

**Date and Time:** Mondays, 6:30-8:30 pm ~ January 19-April 20

**Location:** Room 151, Family Life Center

**Leader:** Sue Campau

The logo for DivorceCare, featuring the word "DIVORCE" in a sans-serif font and "Care" in a script font, with a small heart symbol above the "e".

Resurrection will be hosting a DivorceCare support group starting January 19-April 20.

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](http://DivorceCare.org) (look for the group hosted by Resurrection Lutheran Church).

Contact Sue Campau through RCB for more details, or to volunteer with helping facilitate and greet participants.

### **Women of the Word (WOW) ~ Chosen: A Study of Esther**

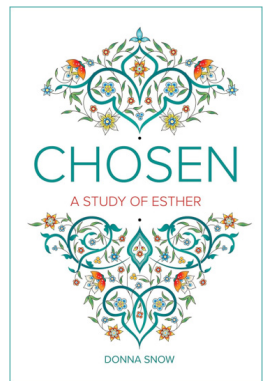
**Date and Time:** Mondays, 7:00-8:00 pm ~ January 5-May 18

**Contact:** Jamee Thieme

This is an online Zoom group version of the Wednesday evening class using the book, *Chosen: A Study of Esther* by Donna Pyle.

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.

Materials: *Chosen: A Study of Esther* by Donna Pyle is available for self purchase through Amazon (paperback and digital formats).



### **Tuesday Morning Bible Study**

**Date and Time:** Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 am ~ September 2-May 19

**Location:** 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.



# Weekdays and Other Events

## Youth and Other Events

### High School Youth Group

For: 9th-12th Grade Youth

Date and Time: Sundays, 6:30-8:00 pm ~ September 7-June 14

Location: The Warehouse, Room 253, Family Life Center

Leader: Jenny Piontek, Youth Director

We have fun, encourage one another, serve, engage, and grow our faith!

### Service Project - First Responders' Baskets

For: All families welcome!

Date and Time: Saturday, January 17 at 10:30 am

Location: Fellowship Hall

Contact: Erika Hulse, Children and Family Ministry Director



### First Responder Service Project

Families are invited to donate snack items and help assemble and deliver gift baskets to local first responders.

**Saturday, January 31  
10:30 am  
Fellowship Hall**



### International Night

For: All is welcome!

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 24 from 5:00-7:00 pm

Location: Family Life Center Gym

Contact: Erika Hulse, Children and Family Ministry Director

## International Festival

Learn facts about countries,  
listen to songs,  
sample food,  
play a game,  
make a craft  
&  
fill your passport!



He's Got the Whole  
World in His Hands

**Tuesday  
February 24**  
Food truck 5-6 pm  
Festival 6-7 pm  
Gym

# Weekdays and Other Events

## New Member Events

Interested in becoming a church member?

### **Welcome to Resurrection Brunch**

Saturday, February 14 from 10:00-11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall

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. This Brunch is an opportunity for us to get to know you better and you get to know who we are too! What will happen? Eat good food, have good conversation, and tour our facilities. Kids are invited!

### **This Is the Church**

Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm in Room 151, Family Life Center ~ February 11-March 25

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.

Led by Pastor Jonathan Blanke.

### **Discover Resurrection**

Saturday, March 21 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

It is at this event that we take a closer look at how we do life together at RLC. Anyone interested in doing so is then invited to officially join our Resurrection family. Childcare is provided upon request.

We do ask if you are joining Resurrection (even if transferring from another congregation) to participate in this class as it helps you learn about our church life and how you can serve alongside us as a member of the RLC family.

Save the Date for a weekend is set aside to **welcome you into our Resurrection family** (April 18/19) during each of our worship services.

Questions or to RSVP to any of these events, please contact Pastor Zach at [zach.sarrault@rlcary.org](mailto:zach.sarrault@rlcary.org).

God's blessings to you as we continue our journey in faith!

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## Dates to Remember

Tuesday, February 17 – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Wednesday, February 18 – Ash Wednesday, Services at 8:40 am and 7:00 pm  
(No Supper and Scripture Activities)

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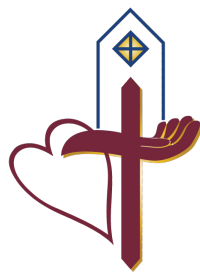
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