

Resurrection Lutheran School

Leading with Faith~Learning with Joy~Living with Purpose

LION'S TALE WEEKLY

March 27, 2020



A MESSAGE FROM MR. KOLB (email sent earlier 3/27)

Greetings RLS Families,

I pray this note finds you and yours doing well during this trying time for all of us. Thank you for all the support and encouragement you have offered the teachers and I. No one could have predicted the need to completely retool our method of distributing our content even a month ago, but here we are. We also thank you for your constructive input on how we can refine our methods of distance learning. In meeting with the staff yesterday via Zoom, we are working to implement many of the suggestions to provide additional consistency and structure to our modified learning plan.

With the Governor's Executive Order for **schools to remain closed until at least May 15**, we need to update our Distance Learning Plan. RLS will naturally abide by the Governor's order. It is our hope that the medical crisis will have abated by then and we will be able to **return to physical schooling on Monday, May 18**.

REFINEMENTS TO DISTANCE LEARNING:

To promote consistency and simplify how students receive assignments moving forward, Grades 1 to 8 will all utilize Google Classroom, beginning after Spring Break (starting April 14). All assignments will be posted to the Google Classroom site for the upcoming week no later than Monday at 9 am (many will post by Sunday night). We believe this will help students plan out their week. Teachers will be reaching out to you with a "sample schedule" for your student that you may find helpful. If you have an alternative that is working better for you, that is fine. Teachers are working to minimize the notices and emails families receive (much of this is due to some settings in Google Classroom), but will still work to get you pertinent information on expectations and grading methods. Teachers are reaching out with "virtual" ways to meet with students, most utilizing Zoom.

SCHEDULE:

Third Quarter technically came to an end, Wednesday, March 25. Teachers have until Friday, April 3 to get grades in for that quarter. Danielle Altieri will take the grades submitted and issue you electronic report cards after Spring Break. As of now, we plan to return to school on Monday, May 18 and go through our stated last day of school, Friday, June 5. We plan to BE IN SESSION Monday, May 25, and utilize FULL DAYS on Thursday, June 4 and Friday, June 5. We will still utilize the first "phase" of the DL plan sent to you back on March 15, which stated that **DL will take place until April 3 and we will observe Spring Break as scheduled, April 6 to 13**. This is a needed break for our faculty to continue to retool for the extended DL through May 15. Many of the teachers are putting in significantly more than the time they put in as an in school teacher and need this time to prepare for the next step and get some much needed rest. Most have already sent you some non-graded alternatives to help keep your student "busy" over this break, but you may find that a break from the work cycle is a welcomed respite as well.

MATERIALS PICK UP:

Many of the older grades have all the materials they would need from school for this additional time away as they can be more easily supplemented electronically, but not so for the early elementary. The early elementary teachers are preparing additional "packets" for the students to take them through May 15.

Kindergarten, First, and Second Grades all have "new" packets prepared for you for pick up at the school office (similar to how we did it back on March 18). Grades 4 and 5 have some materials that you MAY pick up, but there may be alternatives that can be utilized in lieu of your stopping by.

Junior Kindergarten, Grade 3, and the Middle School Grades DO NOT have any additional materials that need picking up. The teachers will reach out to you with more information on the packet pick up and alternatives.

PACKET PICK UP DATE is MONDAY, MARCH 30, FROM NOON TO 3 PM.

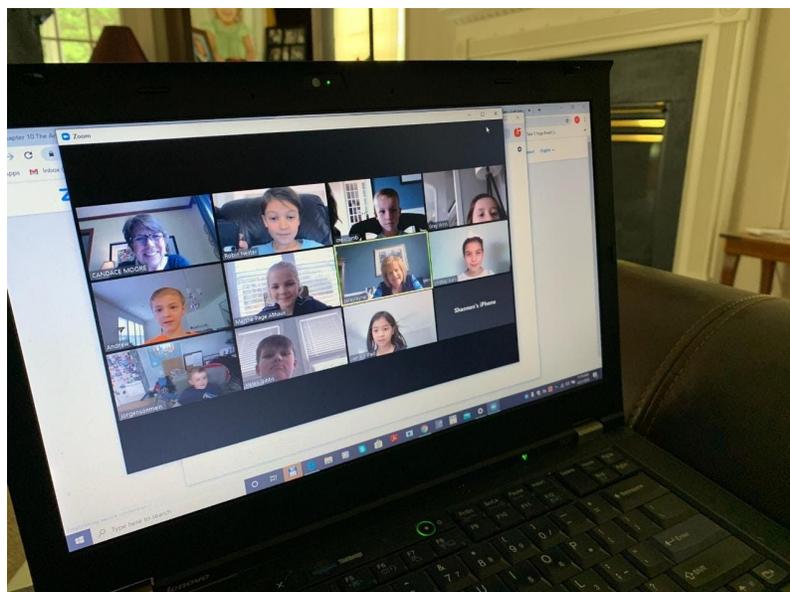
This only applies to the grades noted above. We realize WCPSS is going to a “Stay at Home” order as of Friday and if your grade is scheduled for a packet pick up and you can not make that time please reach out to Rosie Creasy at rosiecreasy@rlscary.org and we will arrange an alternative method of getting you the materials.

In Christ’s Service,
Tom Kolb,,RLS Principal

DISTANCE LEARNING AT IT’S FINEST



Thank you to each and every RLS parent as we understand the challenges that come with distance learning. Teachers are working hard to address individual needs as they come up, academic, social and emotional.



In the coming days, weeks or even months, let’s stay in touch and share our stories! We have created a **FACEBOOK** group, RLS Family to stay connected and support one another. Search **RLS Family Group** and request to join to engage and encourage. For example, this week: “Let’s connect with the beauty around us and each other! Find a sign of spring in your neighborhood and post it in the comment of our new RLS Family Group!”

We care about you and your families. Our community is **STRONG** and one thing I know for sure, you’ve got this and God’s got **YOU!**

CALENDAR EVENTS

All school activities and programs are postponed until further notice. We will make every effort to reschedule where possible once we return to a normal routine.

2020-2021 ADMISSIONS

We will continue to accept applications for Junior kindergarten (JK) - 8th Grade for the 2020-2021 school year. Virtual tour available soon! [APPLY NOW!](#)

RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH INVITES YOU

Join us online for worship! During this different time in our church life, join us online to worship together. We strive to have the service on our website at www.rlcary.org/about-us/online-worship, as well as our YouTube channel (search for Resurrection Lutheran Church-Cary NC), for Sunday morning worship.



A NOTE FROM PASTOR JONATHAN BLANKE

Dear Resurrection Lutheran Church brothers and sisters,

Greetings in the name of our Lord of the cross, Jesus Christ! As we weather the many unexpected twists and turns of life, especially those in these busy weeks that impact our worship life as we count down to Holy Week and Easter, I once again call to mind the verse I mentioned a few weeks ago as our "theme" verse for these challenging days: "[Jesus said:] 'Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world'" (John 16:32-33). Though we, like the first disciples, are good at seeing the world's trouble, in Christ we do not give in to fear and anxiety but live...in the confident hope of our final victory!

By now you have no doubt heard about the stay-at-home order issued by Wake County yesterday, March 26, that is to be in effect until April 17. As an organization that is "subject to the governing authorities" (Rom. 13:1) and desiring to do all that we can possibly do to flatten the curve and be good neighbors to the people of our area, I have consulted with your leadership team at Resurrection and made the following decisions (in effect until April 17, at the earliest):

- 1) All people, whether paid staff, volunteers, or church members 65 years of age and older will be asked to refrain from being on the church premises;
- 2) All church staff that are able to work from home will do so;
- 3) Church staff unable to work from home for the most basic of church maintenance tasks will be in the office only on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9 AM to 3 PM. This will also allow for an even more thorough sanitation of surfaces on Monday and Friday afternoons that are still being used in certain limited portions of the building;
- 4) Paid and volunteer staff as well as small groups within the church desiring to meet or do Bible study are encouraged to contact Margaret Hyatt in the church office and set up meetings using our church's new video conference platform (Zoom);
- 5) The adjusted date of my pastor's Sabbath will be Saturdays, not Fridays; I intend to maintain a presence at church during regular church hours as much as I can.

Here are the most difficult words for this pastor to write: We will not be able to worship together in person as we are accustomed to doing during Holy Week or for Easter Sunday.

Nevertheless, your church staff are planning for ways that we can encourage you to enjoy a meaningful day of Holy Week and Easter worship. Easter Sunday 2020 is more than just a day on the calendar! It is, rather, a way of life that perhaps God is teaching us to enjoy and live out in unfamiliar (and yet, therefore, more memorable and unexpectedly meaningful) ways this year.

If you need care of any kind, please do not hesitate to call the church office and leave a voicemail for me. You may also leave a message for us at our church's Facebook Page (@ResurrectionLutheranCary). I will check for messages and email on Tuesdays and Thursdays to insure that I don't miss anything. Don't forget to always look for church announcements on our Facebook page, web page, and in your email should any status change.

We joyfully await another day of "resurrection": the day we will once again gather in person and receive the gifts of God together!

Shalom in Christ Jesus,

Pastor Jonathan