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# The Messenger

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Sunday Worship: 9:30 am

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*Resurrection Lutheran Church is called by God to reach beyond our walls and share the Good News, bringing Christ to the world, through Prayer, Love and Action.*

## The Difference Between a “Can Do” Church and a “Can’t Do” Church

*Below is a blog post from Sam Rainer (son of Thom Rainer) that was on ChurchAnswers.com on October 28, 2020.*

Every church has an organizational culture. Some churches have a culture of optimism. You can feel the energy in worship. Others are pessimistic. You can sense the deadness when you walk into the sanctuary.

Every church also faces obstacles. What is the difference between churches that approach obstacles with a “can do” attitude over others that have a “can’t do” attitude? What makes a church have a lively optimism over a dead pessimism?

**We’re the right size.** The people of the “can’t do” congregation believe the church is too small (or large) to accomplish something. The “can do” church is always the right size. Church size is not an issue for an optimistic church.

**We have the right people.** The “can’t do” church sees the people it doesn’t have as a problem. The “can do” church sees the people it has as an opportunity.

**It’s always the right time.** The “can’t do” church is stuck in the past or asleep dreaming about the future. The “can do” church believes now is the time to act.

**We have the right staff.** The “can’t do” congregation believes it must get staffing correctly aligned before ministry can be accomplished. The “can do” congregation doesn’t ignore needed staffing changes but also keeps moving forward with whatever staff is in place.

**We have the exact resources God wants us to have.** The “can’t do” church believes more money is needed. The “can do” church does ministry with whatever resources God has provided.

The “can’t do” church views insufficiencies as an obstacle. The “can do” church believes in the sufficiency of God. When a culture of pessimism lingers, the walking spiritually dead take over. With a culture of optimism, however, churches maintain a “can do” attitude that champions the gospel.

*Resurrection Lutheran Church has been moving from a “can’t do” church to a “can do” one even in the midst of this pandemic. I’m thankful for the growth that you have shown. Don’t get too comfortable, though. There are still areas where we still need to move away from a “can’t do” mentality.*

*-Darryl Thompson Powell, Pastor*

## 2020 Holiday Worships

Since the COVID-19 pandemic (and some form of size restrictions) will continue into the new year, there will be some changes in Resurrection’s usual Advent and Christmas schedule.

- **Midweek Advent Services:** Our 1:00 PM midweek service has continued since Lent. Since we stream the live service on Facebook & YouTube, we will not have an evening service in Advent.
- **Christmas Eve Concert:** There will still be a Christmas Eve instrumental concert at 10:30 PM (no choir).
- **Christmas Eve Worship:** To make sure we don’t exceed our maximum capacity for attendance, we will have two services that day: 4:00 PM & 11:00 PM. Those who would like to attend one of the services in person will need to register in advance. Each service will be limited to 14 participants (not including worship leaders). Registration details will be available December 1<sup>st</sup>. Please do not bug Linda about registering before that information is shared.
- **New Holiday Services:** A short, pre-recorded service will be available to watch beginning at 9:30 AM, one on Thanksgiving Day and the other on Christmas Day. We will keep the services to under an hour.
- **Watchnight Service:** If anyone is interested in a New Year’s Eve Watchnight Service, please let Pastor Darryl know. All services and the concert will be available on Facebook and YouTube. If you have any questions or suggestions, please speak to Pastor Darryl.



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### **ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response U.S. Wildfires**

Thank you for supporting wildfire survivors. We received donations totaling \$500, and with Share the Gift matching funds, \$1,000 will be sent to Lutheran Disaster Response. Please note that 100% of these funds will assist those affected by wildfires.

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### **Trick or Treat at the Park**

Volunteers from Resurrection participated in the Trick or Treat at the Park event on Saturday, October 31, in North Park. We hosted a table along the walking path along with other local groups/organizations so that children in our community could safely trick or treat. We passed out candy as well as a pumpkin-shaped handout with information about our worship services, Bible study and the Food Pantry and Clothing Closet. Thanks to those who came out to help that day and to keep us visible in the community: Pastor Darryl, Sue Flanagan, Sue Koevenig, Virginia Schultz and Beth Silenzi!

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### **Financial Summary September 2020**

Sept Income:	\$4,640.01
<u>Sept Expenses:</u>	<u>(\$9,855.10)</u>
Sept Shortfall:	(\$5,215.09)
<u>Loss on Investments:</u>	<u>(\$5,634.65)</u>
Total Sept Loss with Investments:	(\$10,849.74)

YTD Income:	\$46,965.23
<u>YTD Expenses:</u>	<u>(\$73,432.38)</u>
YTD Income Shortfall:	(\$26,467.15)
<u>YTD Investment Gains:</u>	<u>\$4,498.24</u>
YTD Total Shortfall:	(\$21,968.91)

*September* results reflect a monthly shortfall in envelope income of (\$1,488.00) compared to 2020 budget and an Investment loss of (\$5,634.65). With Plate and Interest Income our total income for the month was a negative (\$994.64). Expenses came in at (\$9,855.10) under budget for the month, leaving us with an overall loss of (\$10,849.74) for the month. Our cash position as of 9/30/20 is \$360,193.95 in total cash assets, spread across our investment, Money Market, Operating Accounts and other investments. Our monthly expenses are averaging around \$8,100.00 a month and our average income is only around \$5,200.00 a month. If this continues, we will use \$34,800.00 of our investments to cover our short fall in our income for this year.

God Bless. Be Healthy and Safe.

**Wayne Molley, Treasurer**

**Outreach Food4Life**  
**Food Pantry/Clothing Closet News**



The Outreach Committee is busy working on several projects. A new freezer for the food pantry has been ordered and should arrive in a week or so. It will reside in the kitchen. The old one will be stored in the basement and used as a backup.

We have joined in a partnership with Unity in Community to provide all the fixings for a Thanksgiving Dinner for many of our food pantry guests. We are very thankful and excited to be able to do this. Thanks be to God!

The food pantry and giving closet served 50 families in October. Our number of guests is increasing each month.

The giving closet is in need of winter coats for adults and children. It would be greatly appreciated if everyone to check their closets.

Thank you to our members, friends, and partners and our dedicated volunteers for your continued support. We couldn't do this without you!

A happy and blessed Thanksgiving to all.

Our food pantry is open every Monday from 12:00 PM until 3:00 PM.



**Church Calendar**

November 4	Finance Meeting	6:30 pm
November 8	Contactless Curbside Communion	11:30 am
November 9	Council Meeting	6:00 pm
November 17	Outreach Meeting	4:30 pm
November 22	Virtual Coffee Hour	11:00 am
Mondays	Food Pantry/Clothing Closet	
		12:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Wednesdays	Midweek Worship Service	1:00 pm
	Bible Study	2:00 pm

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**In an Emergency**

If you have an emergency outside office hours, you may reach **Pastor Darryl at 847-258-5580.**

***All Saints' Sunday***

All Saints Sunday is a time to remember loved ones who have passed away during the past year. On Sunday November 1, the following members of Resurrection will be remembered and included in our prayers:



Lois Solt 07/07/2020  
Aileen Cutrara 09/08/2020