

December 2020



# The Messenger

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Office Hours: 8:30 am - 2:30 pm Monday - Thursday

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.*

## Stay at Home

Since before Thanksgiving, both suburban Cook County and the city of Chicago have issued “stay at home” advisories. We are all encouraged to cut back on our travel, avoid gatherings beyond immediate family at home, and continue whatever COVID mitigations that we can. As this virus spreads faster and farther within our community, we have to face the reality that we are more vulnerable even in small gatherings and “normal” life activities. Thanksgiving has past and Christmas is imminent. While we grieve the loss of how we typically celebrate those holidays, we have to remain vigilant in order to keep ourselves and our families safe. The increase in hospitalizations means staying healthy will allow medical staff to focus on those in most critical need.

Our life at Resurrection continues to change and evolve. We have to get creative and intentional as we check in with other church members. Our regular ways of checking on one another are limited. We have to remember to be proactive by calling, sending cards, praying for one another, and finding ways to connect with our church family outside the walls of our church building.

It's not easy to establish new patterns. Nothing feels as personal when online. Our Facebook livestream has a bit of virtual interaction through comments, as worshippers greet each other and share the peace. It's reassuring to know that we are together, even when we are apart.

As Psalm 46 reminds us, God continues to be our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble. God goes with us when we are at home or away, when we lie down and when we rise. As we await the (2<sup>nd</sup>) coming of Christ during this Advent season, let us remember God's presence among us always!

*-Darryl Thompson Powell (with major help from Pastor Carla!)*

## Church Council Meeting (by Zoom) November 9, 2020

The meeting opened at 6:09 p.m. with devotions/Bible study of 2nd Timothy 3:14—4:2 and the theme “Centrality of the Word.”

- Approval of agenda – motioned/seconded/carried (m/s/c).
- Approval of revised September 2020 council meeting minutes – m/s/c.
- The mission statements will be put on hold until after the pandemic.
- Approval of rebuilding the stairs in the building at a cost of no more than \$500 – m/s/c.
- Installation of new council members is on hold until 2021.
- Annual Meeting will be on January 24, 2021 via Zoom.
- Lauren attended a virtual meeting Bishop Curry held for lay leaders and shared what she heard from it.
- The Nominating Committee (Jeff Davis, Sue Koevenig and Pat Flanagan) has met and is currently reaching out to member. Three current council members will leave the council in 2021 Rich Andracki, Sue Sprenger, Janet Campbell).
- All committees need to submit their proposed budgets for 2021.
- Accepting all reports – m/s/c.
- The next council meeting will be December 14, 2020 at 6:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m. with the Lord’s Prayer.



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Dear Members of Resurrection Lutheran Church,

Thank you very much for your continued support of The Unity in Community Foundation. It truly is an honor to partner up with Resurrection. We look forward to more joint efforts in the future.

God bless you all and stay healthy.

The Unity in Community Foundation  
Tom, Donna, Jill, Ron, Rosalba

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Resurrection welcomed into Christ’s family two new additions through baptism:  
**Eli Alexander Rosales and Quinn Rosales**, grandson  
and granddaughter of Bill & Linda Nugent.

## Financial Summary October 2020

October Income:	\$6,683.42
October Expenses:	(\$9,810.53)
October Shortfall:	(\$3,127.11)
Loss on Investments:	(\$2,031.12)
Total September Loss with Investments:	(\$5,158.23)
YTD Income:	\$53,648.65
YTD Expenses:	(\$83,242.91)
YTD Income Shortfall:	(\$29,594.26)
YTD Investment Gains:	\$2,467.12
YTD Total Shortfall:	(\$27,127.14)

*October* results reflect a monthly surplus in envelope income of \$359.00 compared to 2020 budget and an Investment loss of (\$2,031.12). With Plate and Interest Income our total income for the month was a positive \$4,652.30. Expenses came in at (\$9,810.53) under budget for the month, leaving us with an overall loss of (\$5,158.23) for the month.

Our cash position as of 10/31/20 is \$356,844.04 in total cash assets, spread across our investment, Money Market, Operating Accounts and other investments. Our monthly expenses are averaging around \$8,300.00 a month and our average income is only around \$5,600.00 a month. If this continues, we will use \$32,400.00 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

As usual, we had a very busy month. We served 50 families in October. God continues to bless us with donations to help us provide for those in need.

Our Thanksgiving dinner giveaway that we partnered with The Unity in Community Foundation was well received. A great big thank you to all the volunteers from Resurrection and The Unity in Community that made this happen. A lot of hours and love were put into this wonderful Thanksgiving project. Thanks be to God.

The Outreach committee voted to donate \$250.00 to Lutheran Social Services of Illinois. We are inviting members to join us to brighten a child's Christmas this year. Our hope is to raise an additional \$250.00 from member's contributions. The pandemic has made the cost of winter coats, boots, hats, meals and Christmas presents even further out of reach. LSSI foster care and family support programs are working to identify the needs of children and families and ensure that every child in the program will receive a Christmas gift this year.

We are forever grateful to those who donate to keep our food pantry open. Thank you to Don from Pepperidge Farm for supplying us bread, St. Paul Church, The Unity in Community Foundation, all of our generous members and local members of the community. Aracely's Bakery in Franklin Park donated 50 fresh pies for our Thanksgiving meal. We had about 30 turkeys donated by Leyden Family Services. God keeps directing generous people to our food pantry.

Our new freezer is up and running and is already filled to capacity.

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



## Church Calendar

December 8	Finance Meeting	6:30 pm
December 13	Contactless Curbside Communion	11:30 am
December 14	Council Meeting	6:00 pm
December 27	Virtual Coffee Hour	11:00 am
Mondays	Food Pantry/Clothing Closet	
		12:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Wednesdays	Midweek Advent 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**.



### Christmas Eve Worship Service

Thursday 10:30 PM Christmas Eve Concert.

Worship service at 4:00 PM & 11:00 PM

Call the office if you would like to register for either service.

### Christmas Day

Pre-recorded service at 9:30 AM