



# The Messenger

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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.*

Ash Wednesday – the beginning of the Lenten season – is February 17<sup>th</sup> this year. That means it has been almost a year since the first Stay-at-Home order was issued. We were only a few weeks into Lent then and many people thought we would be back in church by Easter. That didn't happen, and the slow recovery and vaccine rollout means we probably won't have church fully open by this Easter (April 4<sup>th</sup>). This year, however, we can be more prepared.

The Ash Wednesday – Good Friday schedule is listed below. Easter Sunday will depend on how people answer the 3-question survey at [bit.ly/eastersurvey2021](http://bit.ly/eastersurvey2021). For those without internet access, please call or stop by the church to fill out the survey.

**Ash Wednesday (2/17):** 12:00 – 1:00pm Ashes to Go (similar to Curbside Communion); 1:00pm & 6:30pm Service with imposition of ashes.

**Wednesdays during Lent:** 1:00pm (limited in-person, Facebook, YouTube) & 6:30pm (Zoom) Lenten service and discussion of ***Anatomy of a Revived Church*** by Thom S. Rainer (\$13 on Amazon or you can order from the church).

**Palm Sunday (3/28):** 9:30am virtual procession with palms.

**Maundy Thursday (4/1):** 1:00pm (limited in-person, Facebook, YouTube) & 6:30pm (Zoom) service.

**Good Friday (4/2):** 1:00pm (limited in-person, Facebook, YouTube) & 6:30pm (Zoom) service.

This past year has been one that has tested many. It's been hard not being able to worship together physically. Still, we much always remember the word of the Lord through the prophet Malachi: *"I the Lord do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed"* (Malachi 3:6). No matter what else is going on, we are not destroyed as long as we keep our faith in God.

*-Darryl Thompson Powell*

## Church Council Meeting Highlights (by Zoom) January 11, 2021

The meeting opened at 6:09 p.m. with devotions/Bible study of Philippians 3:4b-21 on the subject "Authentic Spirituality."

- Approval of revised agenda – motioned/seconded/carried (m/s/c).
- Approval of November 2020 council meeting minutes with revisions – m/s/c.
- Vision and mission statements is on hold until 2021.
- Approval of Annual Audit Committee (Barb Miralgio, Virginia Schultz, Sue Koevenig). m/s/c
- Begin process for 2<sup>nd</sup> Payroll Protection Program grant (this does not guarantee we qualify for the grant) – m/s/c.
- Reminder to council members whose terms are up that they must return their church key.
- Accepting all reports – m/s/c.
- The next council meeting will be February 8, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

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Resurrection welcomed into Christ's family a new addition,  
**Ava Marilyn Arlene McNeeley,**  
daughter of Eric and Jessica, and granddaughter of  
Donna Toriani.

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Thank you for your prayers and concern for our mother at this very difficult time. She was a wonderful woman who will be so deeply missed. Her and my dad were members since 1969 and she was very faithful in her beliefs. I have no doubts she is at peace with my dad in heaven.

Bette Wilmot & the Family of Delores Gorr

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St Paul's Church is collecting items to help the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans and we would like to support their efforts. During the Month of February, we will be collecting items for the veterans. Outreach will be making a donation as well. If you would like to contribute, please bring your donation to church on Sundays or Mondays – Thursdays from 8:30 until 3:00. Due to COVID-19, all items must be in the original manufacturing packaging and all clothing must be new. Items in need are: new winter hats, gloves, scarves, and thermal underwear (all sizes), liquid laundry soap, toilet tissue, comforters, queen size sheets, towel sets, disinfectant wipes and spray, gas or grocery store gift cards and stamps. Thank you.

### **Financial Summary December 2020**

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| December Income:                       | \$8,975.01            |
| December Expenses:                     | (\$26,983.76)         |
| December Shortfall:                    | (\$18,008.75)         |
| <u>Gain on Investments:</u>            | <u>\$7,791.22</u>     |
| Total December Gains with Investments: | \$10,217.53           |
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| YTD Income:                            | \$67,297.67           |
| <u>YTD Expenses:</u>                   | <u>(\$121,491.76)</u> |
| YTD Income Shortfall                   | (\$54,194.09)         |
| <u>YTD Investment Gains</u>            | <u>\$31,462.17</u>    |
| YTD Total Shortfall:                   | (\$22,731.76)         |

*December* results reflect a monthly gain in envelope income of \$675.00 compared to 2020 budget and an Investment gain of \$7,791.22. With Plate and Interest Income our total income for the month was a positive \$16,766.23. Expenses came in at (\$26,983.76) over budget for the month because of the PPP Loan being reclassified out of expenses and into a liability for year end. This left us with an overall loss of (\$10,217.53) for the month.

Our cash position as of 12/31/20 is \$371,712.37 in total cash assets, spread across our investment, Money Market, Operating Accounts and other investments. Our monthly expenses averaged \$10,124.31 a month and our income averaged \$8,229.99 a month for the year. We used \$35,500.00 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 64 families in December. God continues to bless us with donations to help us provide for those in need.

The Outreach committee voted to support St. Paul Church's first quarter mission to collect much needed items for the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans. We are collecting items in the month of February and will be asking the members of Resurrection to participate in this mission. St. Paul is so faithful in donating food to our food pantry we thought we should support their mission programs.

We are forever grateful to those who donate food 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, one of our pantry guests for donating meat and all our generous members and local members of the community. The office received a call from the Starbucks in Franklin Park wanting to donate excess food. They will even drop it off. One of our members asked her dentist if they had toothpaste that they could donate and they gave us a generous amount. We also received a very large clothing donation from the Village of River Grove. There recently was a fire in an apartment complex and they brought us all of the extra items that they collected. God keeps directing generous people to our food pantry needs.

Pastor and Ron Ziemer will be visiting the ATA Martial Arts School in February to meet students and parents as they bring food for their food drive which comes to Resurrection. They have been very good to us.

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



## Church Calendar

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| February 2  | Finance Meeting                | 6:30 pm                                    |
| February 8  | Council Meeting                | 6:00 pm                                    |
| February 14 | Contactless Curbside Communion | 11:30 am                                   |
| February 16 | Outreach Meeting               | 4:30 pm                                    |
| February 28 | Virtual Coffee Hour            | 11:00 am                                   |
| Mondays     | Food Pantry/Clothing Closet    | 'Like' us at Resurrection Lutheran Church. |

12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Wednesdays    Midweek  
Worship Service 1:00 pm  
Bible

Study

### In an Emergency

If you have an emergency outside office hours, you may reach **Pastor Darryl** at **847-258-5580**.  
2:00 pm



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