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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.

OK, I need to be honest: I'm writing this frustrated. This article is due today so I can't take a day to calm my heart and mind. So, you get the writings of a frustrated pastor.

I'm frustrated because in the last newsletter I asked people to take a moment to fill out a survey about Easter Sunday worship. Like with Christmas Eve, I wanted to know if we needed to do a second service so that everyone who wanted could worship on Easter. You could fill the survey online, by phone, or at church. It was only 3 (three!) questions. And only four people took the time to do it.

Maybe some of you thought, "People are getting vaccinated so we'll all be able to attend." If so, let me be clear: the vaccine isn't a magic bullet that will return us back to 2019. Here are the facts: 1) Not everyone will have received both doses by April 4. As of this writing, only 38% of those 65+ in Cook County have received one dose and some people chose not to get vaccinated; 2) Even if all members received both doses before Easter, the vaccination won't be at its fullest efficacy (protection) for them until 2+ weeks after the 2nd dose; 3) None of the vaccines are 100% effective. It could be several weeks after your 2nd dose and there is the possibility that you could be infected, especially with one of the variants.

With the lack of response and the continuing pandemic, here is the revised Holy Week schedule. Please note the changes (in bold):

Palm Sunday (3/28): 9:30am service (**limited in-person, Facebook, YouTube**) with virtual procession with palms (**available to pick up in advance**).

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

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

Easter Vigil (4/3): 6:30pm-8:00pm (limited in-person, Facebook, YouTube).

Easter Sunday (4/4): 9:30am (in-person with pre-registration, Facebook, YouTube).

-Darryl Thompson Powell

Church Council Meeting Highlights (by Zoom) February 8, 2021

Devotion by Pastor Darryl – Vision and Mission (Acts 1:1-8)

Where there is no vision, the plan will perish and the congregation will lose focus. How do you differentiate Vision compared to Mission? Vision is what you want to become in the future. Mission is today's activities to meet your goals toward the Vision. The pastor sets the Vision and works with the congregational council and members on the Mission. Pastor asked each council member to answer these two questions:

- 1) How does the life of our church reflect the vision and mission of the church?
- 2) Can you state that mission?

Homework for council: pray over the next month for guidance of how to create / live-out a mission for Resurrection Lutheran Church.

Minutes from January Council, Annual Meeting and Election of Officers Meeting approved.

Installation of both 2020 (Ron Ziemer and Lauren Obrzut) and 2021 (Virginia Schultz and Beth Silenzi) scheduled for March 21st with the hopes that infection rates will be lower with vaccinations increasing.

Basement Stair Replacement Project will be researched and presented to council for approval.

Signers for Bank of America Accounts will be revised to remove past council members.

Parking Lot Agreement with new tenant for Villa Brunetti discussed and approved with minor changes.

Discussed how we can help the residents of the O'Hare Kitchenette after the Fire – Red Cross has handled housing for those displaced. Discussion of donation options included the option to open the Giving Closet and Food Pantry at a special time to support future needs. Outreach will be contacted.

Next Council Meeting - March 8th 6:00 via ZOOM.

The meeting closed with a special prayer for healing for Lauren's dad Charlie and the Lord's Prayer.

The 2021 Church Council and Officers are:

Alan Miralgio, President
Lauren Obrzut, Vice President
Beth Silenzi, Secretary
Wayne Molley, Treasurer
Sue Koevenig, Financial Secretary
Sue Flanagan, Council Member
Virginia Schultz, Council Member
Ron Ziemer, Council Member

**Financial Summary
January 2021**

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| January Income: | \$6,347.05 |
| January Expenses: | <u>(\$10,156.36)</u> |
| January Shortfall: | (\$3,809.31) |
| <u>Loss on Investments:</u> | <u>(\$1,948.52)</u> |
| Total January Loss with Investments: | (\$5,757.83) |
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| YTD Income: | \$6,347.05 |
| <u>YTD Expenses:</u> | <u>(\$10,156.36)</u> |
| YTD Income Shortfall | (\$3,809.31) |
| <u>YTD Investment Loss:</u> | <u>(\$1,948.52)</u> |
| YTD Total Shortfall: | (\$5,757.83) |

January results reflect a monthly overage in envelope income of \$345.00 compared to 2021 budget and an Investment loss of (\$1,948.52). With Plate and Interest Income our total income for the month was a positive \$4,398.53. Expenses came in at (\$10,156.36) under budget for the month, leaving us with an overall loss of (\$5,757.83) for the month.

Our cash position as of 1/31/21 is \$366,479.01 in total cash assets, spread across our investment, Money Market, Operating Accounts and other investments. Our monthly expenses are averaging around \$10,100.00 a month and our average income is only around \$6,300.00 a month. If this continues, we will use \$45,600.00 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

It has been a slow month so far. The weather and Covid-19 have been contributing factors in our low numbers this month.

St. Paul Church is so faithful in donating food to our food pantry we want to support their mission of collecting much needed items for the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans. We are collecting items up through the middle of March. We ask that you, the members of Resurrection, help us participate in this mission. Items needed are printed in the bulletin each week and can be dropped off at church.

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, Starbucks, Pet Paradise and all our generous members and local members of the community. God keeps directing people to our food pantry needs. So far this month over 30 donations have been received. We are truly thankful for our many blessings.

Our clothing closet continues to be a blessing to our guests. Thanks to all who donate clothing items. We have had many donations for our guests to choose from. Items that are received soiled or torn are donated to St. Paul Church for one of their ministries. Do to all of the snow piling up we have not been able to bring items to their drop off boxes. We probably have more than 30 garbage bags waiting to delivered. Thank you to Linda who volunteers time each day to sort through all the donations to make sure our guests can choose quality items.

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



Church Calendar

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| March 2 | Finance Meeting | 6:30 pm |
| March 8 | Council Meeting | 6:00 pm |
| March 14 | Contactless Curbside Communion | 11:30 am |
| March 28 | Virtual Coffee Hour | 11:00 am |
| Mondays | Food Pantry/Clothing Closet | 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm |
| Wednesdays | Midweek Lenten Service | 1:00 pm & 6:30 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.**

