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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.

But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. (Matthew 24:43 NRSV)

Lately I've heard many people (not just at RLC) talk about getting together with their children or grandchildren. Sometimes when I've heard about people preparing to visit someone outside their "bubble," I'll ask, "When was the last time they got tested?" Too often I get the responses, "Oh, they are very careful. They don't have any symptoms. I'm sure they don't have COVID." Here's the thing: without being tested regularly, there is no way to know if someone has COVID-19. An older couple I know got together with one of their children and family around Thanksgiving. They didn't know that someone in that family was positive. Not only did the offspring's family start showing symptoms, the older parents and another sibling became symptomatic, with the sibling and one parent being hospitalized (the parent is still in the hospital).

Jesus told his disciples to be vigilant because no one knows when the Son of Man is going to show up. The same can be said about COVID-19. We must be vigilant and do all we can to limit our chances of catching it and spreading it to others. There are two things I want to encourage everyone to do to be vigilant: 1) Get vaccinated (when you can). There is a lot of misinformation out there. Trust the experts who say it is safe and the best way for us to beat COVID-19; 2) Get tested regularly. I'm not sure why people are resistant to testing. It's free, it's easy, and it's better to know ASAP if you are positive. Carla and I get tested once a week at the Harwood Heights location (on Forest Preserve). Except for the week before Thanksgiving, it hasn't taken more than 30 minutes (lately, it's been less than 10 minutes). If you are ever around other people, you should get tested.

You never know when COVID-19 may break into your home. Please be vigilant.

-Darryl Thompson Powell

Church Council Meeting (by Zoom) December 14, 2020

The meeting opened at 6:17 p.m. with devotions/Bible study of John 13:34-35 & 1st Corinthians 13:4-7 on the subject "Loving Relationships."

- Approval of 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.
- The Village of Franklin Park stated that any work done on the stairs must be done by a licensed, bonded and insured contractor based on architectural drawing. Since there is a designated fund for building improvements, Ron will seek three bids on the work. A decision on next steps will happen after the bids.
- The annual meeting will be January 24, 2021 via Zoom.
- The proposed 2021 budget was discussed. It will be presented for approval at the annual meeting.
- Approval of request to rent an empty part of the basement for storage at \$100/month was made by The Unity in Community Foundation – m/s/c.
- Approval of up to \$50 thank-you gift purchased for Maria (next door business) – m/s/c.
- Accepting all reports – m/s/c.

- Approval of appreciation gifts given to the staff – m/s/c with one abstention.
 - The next council meeting will be January 11, 2021 at 6:00 PM.
- The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.



Dear Friends,

Enclosed is our donation of hats, gloves, and scarves to support the Resurrection Lutheran Church Giving Closet. We are grateful to you for your outreach mission in our community and sincerely appreciate your volunteers providing winter clothing to those in need

Yours in Christ,
St Paul's Evangelical Covenant Church - Leadership Team



Thank you to the Thursday night Al-Anon group for their \$100.00 Christmas gift to RLC! Also, for their continued rent payment even though they have been meeting via Zoom since the start of the pandemic.



Sincere and heartfelt condolences to Bette Wilmot and family upon the passing of her mother **Delores Gorr**, a longtime member of Resurrection.

Financial Summary November 2020

November Income:	\$4,665.00
<u>November Expenses:</u>	<u>(\$11,265.09)</u>
November Shortfall:	(\$6,600.09)
<u>Gain on Investments:</u>	<u>\$21,203.83</u>
Total November Gains with Investments	\$14,612.75
YTD Income:	\$58,322.66
<u>YTD Expenses:</u>	<u>(\$94,508.00)</u>
YTD Income Shortfall	(\$36,185.34)
<u>YTD Investment Gains</u>	<u>\$23,670.95</u>
YTD Total Shortfall:	(\$12,514.39)

November results reflect a monthly shortfall in envelope income of (\$1,460.00) compared to 2020 budget and an Investment gain of \$21,203.83. With Plate and Interest Income our total income for the month was a positive \$25,877.84. Expenses came in at (\$11,265.09) over budget for the month, leaving us with an overall gain of \$14,612.75 for the month.

Our cash position as of 11/30/20 is \$368,743.42 in total cash assets, spread across our investment, Money Market, Operating Accounts and other investments. Our monthly expenses are averaging around \$8,600.00 a month and our average income is only around \$5,300.00 a month. If this continues, we will use \$39,600.00 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

As usual, we had a very busy month. We served 64 families in November. God continues to bless us with donations to help us provide for those in need.

The Outreach committee donated \$250.00 to Lutheran Social Services of Illinois. We asked Resurrection members to join us in brightening a child's Christmas this year. Our hope was to raise an additional \$250.00 from member contributions. I am happy to report that our members not only matched the \$250.00, they exceeded it. We were able to send a check in the amount of \$710.00 to LSSI to support their Foster Care Program. Thank you to all who supported this program with a donation.

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. We were very fortunate to receive a huge amount of food this month from a gentleman in La Grange. God keeps directing generous people to our food pantry needs.

We now have 4 freezers to store all of our wonderful donations.

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



Church Calendar

January 5	Outreach Meeting	4:30 pm
January 10	Contactless Curbside	11:30 am
	Communion	
January 11	Council Meeting	6:00 pm
January 31	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.**



Annual Congregational Meeting January 24, 2020

The meeting will directly follow the
9:30 am worship service via Zoom.