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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.



Not really, since I don't fish. But you get the idea. My article will return next month.

-Darryl Thompson Powell, pastor

Church Council Meeting May 10, 2021

The meeting opened with a prayer and the reading of our mission statement. Are we living the mission statement? Comments included blessings on a member that is expecting a baby soon.

Pastor will begin having a children's message during the service on the first Sunday of each month beginning in June.

We talked about last month's homework of asking a young adult and an elder where Resurrection falls on the relaxed, joyful, and reverent spectrum of our worship services.

Devotions were based on Matthew 20:20-28 and positions of power. Power can be abused. Not so with Jesus. He was a servant leader, as witnessed in John 13 where he washed his disciples' feet. He set the example of putting others first. Healthy leaders are concerned with lifting others up into leadership roles and spiritual growth. He posed the following questions:

1. Which is the greater danger in church today? People wanting to be powerful or people not wanting to lead at all? The consensus was that people not wanting to lead at all was worse.

2. How can we encourage people to exercise their gifts in service to God and others? Some answers: encourage others to be involved in smaller tasks for shorter times; notice people's gifts and let them know they are seen and invite them to share their ability; post a chart of needed tasks to be filled; recognize when people volunteer their time.

Pastor Darryl encouraged us this month to catch someone doing a simple work of servant leadership and thank them in Jesus' name.

Synod Assembly, June 5, 8:30-noon, online: Alan made pleas for volunteers to attend during announcements the last two Sundays but still no takers.

Bill Nugent will lead the maintenance work on the basement stairs and the loft area. Ron, Wayne and Pat will be assisting.

God's Work Our Hands event Sept 12: Sue introduced the idea of working with the Loyola Mobile Clinic to offer District 84 students free school physicals and immunizations. The first step is to contact the District 84 Superintendent to find out if they would be interested. Sue will do that and report back to us at the next meeting.

Pastor Darryl noted that virtual worship won't be going away. We want to connect to new people by maintaining an online relationship. Pastor will begin making announcements during worship that members may begin coming back to the church.

Spring Cleaning: Alan proposed we set aside \$100 from Undesignated Memorials to buy lunch for the volunteers after cleaning. Approved

Prayer Group: Lauren proposed starting a prayer group after being inspired by reading Anatomy of a Revitalized Church during Lent. It was determined that we start small by having a voluntary prayer circle after Sunday service twice a month. Also, Alan and Pastor Darryl had discussed the idea of a virtual prayer room on our website.

Financial Summary April 2021

April Income:	\$6,067.44
<u>April Expenses:</u>	<u>(\$10,235.03)</u>
April Shortfall:	(\$4,167.59)
<u>Gain on Investments:</u>	<u>\$10,025.09</u>
Total April Gain with Investments	\$5,857.50
YTD Income:	\$24,158.78
<u>YTD Expenses:</u>	<u>(\$41,710.79)</u>
YTD Income Shortfall	(\$17,552.01)
<u>YTD Investment Gain:</u>	<u>\$14,623.64</u>
YTD Total Shortfall:	(\$2,928.37)

April results reflect a monthly overage in envelope income of \$35.00 compared to 2021 budget and an Investment gain of \$10,025.09. With Plate and Interest Income our total income for the month was a positive \$16,092.53. Expenses came in at (\$10,235.03) under budget for the month, leaving us with an overall gain of \$5,857.50 for the month.

Our cash position as of 4/30/21 is \$383,224.76 in total cash assets, spread across our investment, Money Market, Operating Accounts and other investments. Our monthly expenses are averaging around \$10,400.00 a month and our average income is only around \$6,040.00 a month. If this continues, we will use \$52,000.00 of our investments to cover our short fall in our income for this year. The good news was that we received a second PPP Loan of \$13,475.00 this year to help offset these shortfalls.

God Bless. Be Healthy and Safe.

Wayne Molley, Treasurer

Outreach Food4Life Food Pantry/Clothing Closet News

April was a busy month for the Food Pantry. We served 58 families consisting of 122 adults and 50 children.

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's 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. We have been able to give out extra food because of the generosity of all. Thank you so much to Pastor for picking up a car load of food from a source in Chicago. Our guests have been treated to many different items of food that we have never had before. We had to buy more shelving units to store all the food. Thank you God for always providing new resources for food.

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's Church for one of their ministries.

We are so thankful for our dedicated volunteers who make our mission such a success.

On May 22nd we are going to clean and rearrange the food pantry.

Linda Andrade purchased bibles to hand out to our guests. People have been happy to receive them. Thank you Linda for your generosity.

We have been blessed with receiving several online donations from Wanda Rodriguez of the Front Steps Project.

Our next Outreach meeting will be June 22nd.



June 8	Finance Meeting	5:30 pm
June 13	Contactless Curbside	11:30 am
	Communion	
June 14	Council Meeting	6:00 pm
June 22	Outreach Meeting	4:30 pm
June 27	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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