

April 2020



Resurrection Lutheran Church

# 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.***

How we can continue to live out God's mission for Resurrection amid COVID-19 restrictions:

**Care for your spirit.** Watch over your mental health. Watching the news to stay informed is important and it can wear on your spirit. Listen for God in the bird songs. Look for God in a sunset. Read something other than news articles. Play some music that uplifts your spirit. It's OK to smile and laugh and feel joy. Don't forget worship. Sunday worship is happening still. You can join us live at [www.facebook.com/rlcfp](https://www.facebook.com/rlcfp). You do not need a Facebook account to view the service. You can also watch the recorded service on YouTube (search for "Resurrection Franklin Park").

**Pray.** Use printed prayer materials or have an open conversation with God. Even praying the Lord's prayer can keep you in touch with the need to seek God's intervention in your life.

**Meditate.** Simply breathing deeply for a few minutes is a form of meditation. There are more elaborate ways, but ultimately meditation is about mindfulness, quieting the other confusion in your mind. Distracting thoughts are normal; just reorient your mind back to the focus.

**Read your Bible.** The people of God have faced huge challenges for centuries. Read Hebrews, Philippians, Isaiah 60-66 or Psalms 22, 27 and 137.

**Assist your neighbor.** If you have an older neighbor or a medically fragile friend, check in whether they need help (food, paper goods). Think about someone who could use a cheery phone call. Our homebound members (and people in nursing homes) will be more isolated from outside visitors; they may enjoy a card or phone call. Contact the church office if you need addresses or phone numbers.

**Give generously.** Our food pantries and others will start to be overwhelmed as businesses close temporarily and hourly workers lose all their income. Please continue to give tithes and offerings to RLC as well. By the time you read this, you should be able to give electronically. Download the GivePlus app for Android or Apple and search for Resurrection. You can also visit [giveplushelp.vancopayments.com](https://giveplushelp.vancopayments.com) for more information.

**Learn something new.** Read something you've been meaning to read (like *The Agile Church*).

**Stay connected with RLC.** There are several opportunities to gather virtually with others. For Maundy Thursday (4/9) & Good Friday (4/10), services will be at 1:00 PM (Facebook Live) and 6:30 PM (Zoom). Bible Study continues on Wednesdays at 2:00 PM (Zoom).

For Zoom worship, you can view online at <https://zoom.us/j/674390885>. You can also call in from your phone at 312-626-6799, Meeting ID: 674 390 885#

-Darryl Thompson Powell

## Council Meeting Minutes March 9, 2020

The meeting began at 6:07 p.m.

Attendees: Sue Flanagan, Pastor Darryl Thompson Powell, Rich Andracki, Lauren Obrzut, Sue Sprenger, Ron Ziemer, Janet Campbell, and guest, Henrietta Atkin, who was present for the Bible study.

Pastor Darryl led the Bible study. The message concerned "Hopeful Boasting or Boasting Hopeful?" We discussed Paul's Letter to the Romans, introducing himself to the believers in Rome before he traveled there, and how each member of the Council presently perceives Rome now. Paul's letter is a "message of hope to people living out their faith during difficult and trying times." We should "boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. This is our "God-given confidence that no matter what suffering one might face, believers can put their trust that we are not stuck in the pain of the moment, and we have hope in our salvation through Jesus Christ. When we can boast hopefully, we trust in all that God can and will do for us, despite our circumstances."

The meeting continued with a dialogue about Resurrection's Vision and Mission. Alan Miralgio had submitted an extensive written report including recommendations. A short discussion ensued, and it was decided to wait for Alan to present his suggestions in a fuller approach at the April meeting. Many questions arose during this conversation. First

and foremost, we must learn the art of sharing the Good News. It was moved that we look into hiring someone to help us redo our Mission Statement, finding the center of what we are about at Resurrection. Motion carried.

Regarding the repair of the piano: a motion was made to have some needed piano pads replaced, and a new humidity unit for the piano to be installed at the cost of \$500 (monies to be taken from Undesignated Memorials.) Motion carried. A motion was made in regard to the parking spots in front of our church. It would require a change in the ordinance, which would take a lot of time and intricate paperwork with the Village, so we were advised to leave the parking as is. Motion carried. The Synod Assembly is on June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> in Tinley Park, and the representatives from Resurrection are volunteers Lauren Obrzut and Ron Ziemer. A motion was made that all the submitted reports presented on this month's agenda are approved. Motion carried.

March Newsletter contributions should be given to Linda by Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>.

Work on the Church History, carrying us past the 75-year mark, will commence after the Easter season has passed. Sue Flanagan and Janet Campbell are going to work on it. Any interested volunteers are welcome!

The next Council meeting will be April 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Ron Ziemer will provide the refreshments.

Motion to adjourn: 8:00 p.m. Motion carried. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Campbell  
Church Council Secretary

### **Financial Summary February 2020**

February Income: (\$6,647.45)  
February Expenses: (\$10,635.14)  
Income: (\$17,282.59)

YTD Income: (\$1,272.27)  
YTD Expenses: (\$20,012.07)  
Surplus / Deficit: (\$21,284.34)

*F*ebuary results reflect a short fall in envelope income of \$1,959.00 compared to 2020 budget. Investment losses of (\$10,868.47) plus Plate, Initial Offering and Interest Income giving us a total net loss of (\$6,647.45). Expenses came in at (\$10,635.14) slightly over budget, leaving us with an overall loss of (\$17,282.59) for the month.

Our cash position as of 2/28/20 is \$362,117.69 in total cash assets, spread across our investment, Money Market, Operating Accounts and other investments.

God Bless. Be Healthy and Safe.

**Wayne Molley, Treasurer**



## Interfaith Outreach Committee



Empty shelves.... This is a reality of many store aisles right now as people have been hoarding groceries in light of the Coronavirus pandemic. Our Food 4 Life pantries have remained open to help the Leyden community. We have adjusted how we serve to try to keep everyone healthy and safe. Keep in mind however that while it is difficult for us to purchase items for our own homes, it is even more difficult to purchase basic items in bulk to restock our pantry shelves, due to limited item availability. Now more than ever, your help is needed. Any items you can donate to our pantries will be appreciated. If you have a site preference, please note it, otherwise please write "Share" on a note or the bag your donations are in, so that both sites benefit from your generosity.

Ramen, pasta sauce, pasta, side dishes, cereal, soups and canned meats are all needed.

Our volunteers have been a life line to this ministry. Please pray for their continued good health as we continue to do God's work.

We thank those who have helped us in any way and are praying for all of you and the good health of your families. May April showers wash away some of our worries!

Our Pantry & Clothing Closet hours are:

**Mondays from 12:00 PM until 3:00 PM—Grand**

**Saturdays from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM—Hawthorne**



### April Church Calendar

April 7	Finance Meeting	6:30 pm
April 9	Maundy Thursday Service	1:00 pm & 6:30 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
April 10	Good Friday Tenebrae Service	1:00 pm & 6:30 pm
April 13	Council Meeting	6:00 pm
April 21	Outreach Meeting	6:30 pm
Mondays	Food Pantry/Clothing Closet	12:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Wednesdays	Bible Study	2:00 pm
Saturdays	Food Pantry/Clothing Closet	10:00 am – 1:00 pm



April 12, Easter Sunday Service at 9:30 a.m.

Join us or watch the service live on Facebook Live ([www.facebook.com/rldcfp](https://www.facebook.com/rldcfp))

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### In an Emergency

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