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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.

Summer of Love

Most of you reading this remember the Summer of Love in 1967. For those (like me) who don't, it was the summer where about 100,000 people (mostly young adults) converged on the Haight-Ashbury neighborhood of San Francisco. Most of them were wearing "hippie" fashion and promoting behaviors that were then considered "anti-military" and "anti-government." It really wasn't "anti" anything. The Summer of Love promoted just that: love. Love for your neighbors, including your neighbor in Vietnam. Love for the soldier serving by bringing them back home to their families. Love for those who saw or experienced life in a different way. Love for the simpler things in life that didn't require lots of money. Love for experiencing life and other people in a new way. We need another summer of love.

Don't worry; I'm not suggesting we need a summer of casual sex and experimenting with drugs, things often attributed to that summer (even though they weren't the major focus of the movement). Our country has become more and more divided since the 2008 presidential elections, resulting in hateful or dehumanizing language being used against those who don't agree with us. People who do not fall into the mainline, protestant, middle class and white definition of "normal" are being pushed away or simply ignored. Even Christians who gather together every Sunday find it hard to put up with one another. We need another summer of love.

When asked by a teacher of the law what the most important commandment was, Jesus also gave the second most important: "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Mark 12:31 NIV). Jesus also said to his disciples, "Let me give you a new command: Love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another" (John 13:34 MSG). As followers of Jesus, we are commanded to love one another, to love our neighbors. Not love those who are nice to us or look like us or think like us. Love one another. Love our neighbors. Love the church member who gets on your last nerve. Love the politician who treats others with disrespect. Love the Black lives that are being profiled and killed on the streets. Love the police officers who risk their lives to face so much trouble each day. Love the immigrants who enter the country illegally looking for a better life. Love the ICE agents who arrest and deport those immigrants. Love the homeless. Love the rich. Love the drug dealer. Love the drug users. Love the criminals. Love the victims. Love everybody.

This summer, it's time for Resurrection to show Franklin Park and Leyden Township some love. I'm issuing a challenge to you: come up with a way that we – as a congregation – can show some love to our neighbors. Not how we can get more people in church; how we can let the community know that we love them as they are and where they are at. When you have an idea, share it with me or Susan F. (council president). We'll try to do every reasonable suggestion this summer (if you are willing to do it with us). Hopefully, by the fall, people will talk about 2019 as being another wonderful summer of love.

Darryl Thompson Powell

Council Minutes May 13, 2019

The Council Meeting opened at 6:10 p.m. Susan Koevenig read a devotional titled "Make New in the Seasons of Life". It talked about the stages of grief in our life and how we move back and forth into different stages. It also said that we must remember that we will not be abandoned.

Refreshments were provided by Lindsay Vega.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion carried. A discussion will be held on the Vision and Mission of the church at the June meeting.

Unfinished Business

The new light for the parking lot will be tabled until June. The council decided to ask the property committee to hang the Altar wording on the east wall where the bulletin board is currently hanging. We will decide where Jesus should be placed after the Altar wording is up.

The tax-exempt status is still being processed. There is no current information on the sale of the organ. We have tabled the purchase of a TV for a photo display until June.

The basement leak has been fixed by Wayne and Donna Molley and Ron Ziemer. The basement stairs are tabled until further notice.

New Business

Nicor Gas company will replace our meter with a new and more efficient meter.

We will present the amended changes from the meeting on July 1, 2018 to the congregation at the next congregation meeting.

We discussed purchasing plastic bracelets to hand out to people. On the bracelet will be our church name and a bible verse. It was decided that we should move forward with Pastor Daryl on this project.

All committee reports were reviewed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the reports. Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The time of adjournment was 6:56. The next meeting will be held on June 10, 2019. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Flanagan



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Sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of
Judi Wehrmeister
who was our Council Secretary and a long time member of RLC.

75th Anniversary History

The 75th Anniversary History is being reordered. This history contains information about Resurrection's ministries thru the years, former pastors, and building projects. If you did not receive a copy and would like to have one, please contact the church office, 847-455-7013, by June 24th. Each family can receive one free copy. Otherwise, we need to charge \$10 for additional copies.

Financial Summary April, 2019

April Income:	\$14,161.35
April Expenses:	<u>(\$9,532.45)</u>
Income:	\$4,628.90

YTD Income:	\$58,075.63
YTD Expenses:	<u>(\$38,145.35)</u>
Surplus / Deficit:	\$19,930.28

April was a strong month, ending very positively. The market continues to trend positively helping push our mutual funds higher. More April specifics include an envelope income of \$7,429 investment gains of \$6,483, giving us a total net income of \$14,161. Expenses remained close to plan at (\$9,532), leaving us with an overall positive result of \$4,628, for the month and \$19,930 YTD. To help cover on going expenses, we did need to sell off an additional \$5,000 from one of our investment accounts.

Our cash position is \$395,450.03 in total cash assets, spread across our Investment, Money Market, Operating Accounts and other Investments.

Rich Andracki, Treasurer

Interfaith Outreach Committee



May brought us a variety of weather changes!

Hopefully June will be kind to all of our gardeners and farmers. Our Hawthorne St. pantry appreciates being able to offer the produce from GCFD and our Grand Ave. pantry sometimes gets the abundance from our in-house growers! We appreciate their efforts!

Both sites continue to welcome gently used summer clothing and shoes.

We'd like you to consider joining us for this year's 34th Annual GCFD Hunger Walk. Save the date! Saturday, September 7th. This will be Interfaith Outreach's 2nd Annual walk. Watch future *Messengers* for added info.

As school has just ended for most students, we are looking ahead to how we can help with backpacks for 'Back to School' season. SABA and ICNA are a driving force for this effort!

As always, we thank neighboring faith communities, individual donors, neighborhood companies and friends for all donations.

Our volunteers are some of the best around! We couldn't help so many without them!!

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

Happy *Father's* Day



June Church Calendar

June 4 th	Finance Meeting	6:30 pm
June 10 th	Council Meeting	6:00 pm
June 20 th	Outreach Meeting	6:30 pm
Mondays	Food Pantry/Clothing Closet	
		12:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Wednesdays	Craft Club	9:30 am
	Bible Study	2:00 pm
Saturdays	Food Pantry/Clothing Closet	
		10:00 am – 1:00 pm

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In an Emergency

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