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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.***

With the summer months and many people traveling for vacations, graduations, and weddings, I wanted to take this space to remind everyone of the importance of continuing your tithes and offerings even if you are not in church. I also wanted our treasurer to answer a couple of question that may be floating around. One of those being, why does the church need to sell some of our Mutual Funds when our financials reflect a positive result YTD (year-to-date)? Here's Rich explanation to help clear up any confusion.

*You may recall that at the Annual Meeting in February, I presented RLC's 2019 Budget which included the projected Envelope Income (cash) for the year of \$72,500. There were also a few smaller, miscellaneous income streams projected totaling another \$1,500 (cash), for a combined total of \$74,000 in cash receipts in 2019. The good news is that halfway through the year, we are on pace to meet those income projections. 100% of our cash receipts are used to pay RLC's monthly bills. Our monthly income, however, falls short of our expenses. The finance team projected our annual expenses for 2019 at \$119,748 (as presented at the meeting). This means we have a projected shortage of cash of \$45,748 (\$119,748 - \$74,000). This shortage is why - from time to time - we need to sell off some of our mutual fund investments. Selling small amounts of the investments gives us the extra cash we need to pay the balance of RLC's monthly expenses. YTD, we have sold off \$15,000 of our Mutual Funds. This can change quickly, of course, if giving goes down over the summer. Future Mutual Fund sell offs depend greatly on our overall income, including any unplanned miscellaneous incomes.*

*The shortage in our available cash to pay bills may also seem confusing when our YTD financials show a positive result of just over \$9,000. "Where is that money?" you might ask. Our positive financial results YTD is because the stock market has been doing really well in 2019. The extra income we're reporting is from gains in our Mutual Fund Investments, and that money is reinvested. We only convert it to cash at the time we need it for paying bills.*

After reading this, there may be additional questions. There may even be a little fear or anxiety. Rich and I will schedule a time after an upcoming service to talk through this and answer any questions. Until then, focus on Paul's words to Timothy: "[I remember] the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother...and your mother...and I am persuaded it is in you also. Therefore, I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of...hands. For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind" (2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1:5-7).

Blessings to you all,  
Darryl Thompson Powell  
Pastor

Rich Andracki  
RLC Treasurer

## Council Minutes June, 2019

Henrietta Atkins came to speak to the council about environmental responsibility. Henrietta is concerned that the church needs to become more responsible to the environment. She has suggested that we use regular silverware and paper products for coffee hour and any other celebrations that we hold. These items are biodegradable and will not harm the environment. We currently use plastic and Styrofoam products which harm our environment. Council will take this into consideration when purchasing future items for the church. Henrietta will continue to update the council on other actions that could be taken that will not harm the environment.

Sue Flanagan began the meeting with a devotional titled "Let Go With Grace". It is a reminder that we need to bring our burdens to God. Refreshments were provided by Susan Sprenger

A motion was made to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded and carried. A motion was made to approve the minutes from the May meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.

A discussion was held on the mission of the church. In the last newsletter, Pastor wrote about showing love to our neighbors in the community. He suggested we bring ideas for discussion. Lauren Obrzut brought a list of ways Resurrection can show love. Council decided to use two suggestions this summer. The first was to bring treats to the police station, fire department, library, and other businesses. During the last week of June, Resurrection will bring treats to the police department. Lauren will have congregation members sign up to make cookies or brownies and help deliver these with a card that says thanks to the recipient.

Another suggestion was to open our doors one night a week for meditation and/or prayer to the community. Lauren will type guidelines for anyone who helps on these evenings. Council decided to begin this program on Tuesday, July 9 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

All items for the next newsletter need to be sent to Linda by Thursday, June 20. It was suggested that Council reviews the newsletter to decide if it should be sent monthly or bi-monthly.

A discussion was held on whether it would be advantageous to purchase plastic bracelets to be given to members of the community. The bracelet would have a Bible verse and the name of the church printed on it. A motion was made to purchase 500 bracelets from wristband.com at a cost of \$130.00. The motion was seconded and carried. One suggestion was to pass these bracelets out at the Franklin Park Fall Fest.

"God's Work-Our Hands" is a program that will be held on September 8. Each church is to do something for the community. Council members will bring ideas to the next council meeting.

Council discussed the current open position. After discussion, Lauren Obrzut was asked if she would consider this position. She accepted the offer. A motion was made to appoint Lauren to fill Judi Wehrmeister's position. The motion was seconded and carried.

The committee reports were reviewed. The Craft Club is looking at ways to reach out to the community. Suggestions were making baby blankets, buying books for students, and sending needed items to Pastor Linda Seyenkulo. A motion was made to accept the committee reports. This motion was seconded and carried.

Flyers are being passed out to people who come to the food pantry that advertise where school-age students can get free breakfast and lunch.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. The motion was seconded and carried. The next council meeting will be July 8, 2019. Council members are to bring their bibles. Pastor Daryl will do the devotions and Alan Miralgio will bring refreshments.

We closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susan Flanagan

### **Financial Summary May, 2019**

May Income:	(\$1,891.80)
<u>May Expenses:</u>	<u>(\$8,916.91)</u>
Income:	(\$10,808.71)

YTD Income:	\$56,183.83
<u>YTD Expenses:</u>	<u>(\$47,062.26)</u>
Surplus / Deficit:	\$9,121.57

**M**ay was a rough month for investments, and that had a significant impact on your month end results. May specifics include an envelope income of \$6,112 and investment losses of (\$8,018) giving us a total net income of (\$1,891). Expenses remained close to plan at (\$8,916), leaving us with an overall negative result of (\$10,808), for the month and \$9,121 YTD. To help cover on going expenses, we sold off an additional \$5,000 from one of our investment accounts.

Our cash position is \$383,324.31 in total cash assets, spread across our Investment, Money Market, Operating Accounts and other Investments.

**Rich Andracki, Treasurer**

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## Reflection and Prayer Center

Finding time to ease our minds and calm our souls is as easy as taking some time to simply *be*-to sit undisturbed and turn off the many thoughts that run through our minds, even for a few minutes. It is in this space that we find inner peace and understanding. In this space we hear God.

This summer at Resurrection we will be offering our sanctuary to our members and the community to do just that. On Tuesdays, beginning July 9 and continuing until August 27, you are welcome to drop in between 6 and 8 PM to sit with no distractions of the outside world.

## Interfaith Outreach Committee



Summer is here! As we perhaps enjoy some Grilling now and then, let's not forget that others might wish to enjoy those same things. Might you consider donating bottles of ketchup, mustard or relish? Perhaps a package or two of hot dogs, brats or burgers? We have freezer space! When your home gardens produce more tomatoes than you can eat...we can help!

Both sites will be happy to share your donations with our weekly guests!

We'd like you to consider joining us for this year's 34<sup>th</sup> Annual GCFD Hunger Walk. Save the date! Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. This will be Interfaith Outreach's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual walk. Watch the RLC website and next months' *Messenger* for ways to contribute.

We are looking ahead to providing backpacks for 'Back to School' season. SABAH and ICNA are a driving force for this effort! Any school items that you can donate will be appreciated. Pencils, rulers, markers, pens, sharpeners, etc.

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

Heartfelt thanks to all our faithful volunteers!

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**

## July Church Calendar

July 8 <sup>th</sup>	Sign Committee Meeting	3:15 pm
July 8 <sup>th</sup>	Council Meeting	6:00 pm
July 18 <sup>th</sup>	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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