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RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, April 7th— Food Pantry
9:00 AM—11:00 AM

Thursday, April 14th—Food Pantry
9:00 AM—11:00 AM

Thursday, April 14th— Maundy
Thursday
2:00 PM at Incarnation Lutheran

Friday, April 15th—Good Friday
6:30 PM w/ Dr. Ed Maniscalco

Sunday, April 17th—Easter Sunday
9:30 AM w/ Pastor Joel Xavier

Monday, April 18th—R & F Meeting
2:00 PM

Monday, April 18th—Council Meeting
6:30 PM

Thursday, April 21st—Food Pantry
9:00 AM—11:00 AM

Thursday, April 28th—Food Pantry
6:00 PM—7:00 PM

CHURCH REQUESTS

If you have an activity or event scheduled, please notify the church office and put it on the calendar in the hallway.

If you would like to add an article to the Lifeline or the bulletin, please email the church at rlutheranchurch@yahoo.com

Membership Directory

We are updating the membership rolls: address, emails, phones.

If you have any changes including transfers of membership contact the church office by email or phone.

A Word From Your President...

On March 21 the council met to review the state of the congregation.

The news at the meeting was mostly great. The bills are paid, there is a good balance in the checking and savings account.

We discussed the need to insure that good communication takes place between the council and the congregation. That really needs to be communication in both directions. To insure that the information is available to you, the council reports and the council meeting minutes are to be posted on the bulletin board in the hallway toward the parking lot. Since we know that not everyone is currently in the building, we will also post the information on the website. The website updates may take a while as we figure out the best way to display it.

On March 27 a meeting with the pastoral intern prospect is scheduled for after church. This is a meeting for the church council to meet and get to know this person a little. Since this report is being written before the 27th, we don't have anything to tell you about it other than at the March 21st meeting the council created a list of expectations to review with the possible intern to see if we are close to a match. We are excited to see what God has in store for our church. There will be differences from the past, which may be good or possibly surprising. In any case we are excited to be moving forward.

The team that is working on updating the church directory is under way. There are many pieces of data that need to be updated. Some of our members have abandoned their land line phones or changed email addresses, or may even have moved. We have found that the data at the church is not necessarily very reliable. In some cases it was not even right in the last published directory from 2018.

If we don't have your current information we don't even have the ability to call or email you requesting the update.

So if you have had any changes; to addresses, Email, or phone, Please, Please, Please, send your current list of family members, address, email contact info, and current phone number(s) to Emily at the church. The Email address for the church is: rlutheranchurch@yahoo.com.

The team working on this update and any new pastoral support person will greatly appreciate your help in getting the information assembled accurately.

Thank You for all you do.

Larry Peterson Council President.

April Greetings From the Food Pantry!

We give thanks to God for a minimal winter. Yes it was cold, but not too cold to do the work that needed to be done. We look forward to this new season of growth. Yes I am talking of the Garden. It is time to finish up the plan for the pantry garden and I hope some of you will also experience the joy of watching some of your own foods grow in your garden this summer. To me, it seems planting a garden is kind of a model of our life and faith. When I open a seed packet, I see these very small things that don't look very promising. They seem lifeless and shriveled. Yet they are full of potential. When I plant the seeds into tilled soil that has been mixed with composted manure, maybe some bugs, and for sure there are worms, it reminds me that it is entering a world that may not be very habitable. In order for the garden to grow everything in the soil needs to work together to nurture the seed. It still won't grow unless it gets watered. Rain is kind of like our faith. A life without it leads to little growth and if trouble comes, there is little hope. So I water my new seeds to get them started. Then comes the love of God, the "Sonshine". With that blessing from God, the seeds turn into a productive plant that feed others and makes us full and strong.

I hope you get as much pleasure from your garden as I do. If you have room to plant more than you need, plant some extra to share. The pantry can help with distribution if you have more than your other friends and neighbors can use.

At the pantry we are ready for less fogged eyeglasses, no need for mittens while registering clients, and no snow shoveling.

I am often asked what food the pantry needs most. The answer is always the same, soup and baked Beans. These are items that I don't seem to be able to get very often from Feeding America or from the Government.



CROSSWAYS
CAMPING MINISTRIES

Your summer calendar is going to get busy. Don't let it get full without registering for a week that really matters. Help your kids discover and deepen their faith while learning confidence, responsibility, and kindness.

Pine Lake Camp Spring Kickoff on Saturday, April 30th welcomes you for a day of Camp Prep & Preview.

Enjoy Camp Prep by participating in work projects, or Camp Preview to get acquainted with the camp community before summer programs! We will have projects for a wide range of ages and skills. We also welcome all families to preview camp, with a special invitation to first-time families or campers who may need additional accommodations or assurance.

Free will offering lunch will be served outdoors around noon, with advance registration. Drop-ins welcome for tours or guests opting out of lunch.

Additional volunteer opportunities or tours are available by contact Ben Koehler at Ben@crosswayscamps.org.

You can register for summer camp at www.crosswayscamps.org.



WELCA Spring Event

“For the Beauty of the Earth” is the theme of the Green Bay Conference Spring Event, Saturday, April 9th at Peace Lutheran (1954 County U, Green Bay, WI 54313).

We will learn how community gardens address food insecurity, and we will practice good stewardship by using as few resources as possible. The event is open to all women. We suggest that you bring your own mug and/or reusable water bottle to help save the earth.

The keynote speaker is Venice Williams, Executive Director of Alice’s Garden and Urban Farm in Milwaukee and frequent Gather magazine contributor. Also speaking will be Aubrey Fliss, Brown County Community Gardens Coordinator. For in kind gifts, please consider bringing seeds (annual vegetables), plants (such as potted herbs), seed starter trays and soil, organic pest control, gloves, trowels—anything you would use in your own garden!

Gift cards to Menards or similar places would also be appreciated. All of the in kind gifts will be used in the more than 400 community gardens right here in Brown County.

The event will run from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM and include worship, morning refreshments, and lunch. Childcare for school age children is available. Registration fee is \$15. For forms to register email Shirley at spaulson1949@gmail.com.

When we buy retail food it always includes these items. The pantry was the recipient of a grant in March for \$1,250 from Schreiber Foods and Feeding America to purchase any food items we needed from Save-A-Lot Foods on Chestnut and Shawano Ave. The grant had the requirement to purchase the food at Save-A-Lot Foods to support local food stores to insure they stay in business for the people who live in underserved neighborhoods. We added some pantry funds (another \$532.44) that you all have provided and were able to purchase soup, baked beans, and a 4# bag of sugar for all of the clients who use the pantry for a month. It amounted to 1,562# of food, a real blessing that we didn’t have to seek. I believe it was another example of God seeing the need and filling it. Thank you for all who helped make this possible.

The pantry usage is beginning to inch up a little each month. The government benefits associated with the Pandemic health emergency have been extended until at least the first of June, so many of our clients are still able to acquire food without needing to come to the pantry. However the pantry is being affected by the availability of food that you may be noticing at the grocery stores. Last year the government TEFAP program was providing 6,000 to 10,000 pounds of food to the pantry monthly. This year it has been decreasing each month. We received only 3,751#, and only fish for meat in March.

We are not running out of food at the pantry due to the continued donations and financial support of many people during the pandemic. Thank you for keeping the pantry mission in your heart and prayers. I also have news of the more administration side of the pantry. Because the compliance rules for receiving Government Food and other grants requires it, the pantry has established a Board of Directors. It is made up of 2 people from Resurrection Lutheran and 2 from Ascension Lutheran. The board has been working on a set of Bylaws which is also part of the requirements to participate in the government programs and some of the other grants for which we have applied. Those Bylaws are in their final draft phase and will be brought to the Resurrection Church Council for final approval.

It is good to be on the road to becoming more intentional and formal in the organization of the pantry so there is a long term plan for continuing the mission into the future. We cannot foretell the future but we do want to be in a position to help the people God sends to us for as long as God want us to be here.

The last item on my list of communication topics is that the pantry is in need of Volunteer Vacation Replacements and even some regularly scheduled volunteers. There is some training involved but nothing complicated. Volunteers mostly just need to be available and willing to “Live and Share the Love of Christ”. There is time for social connections with other volunteers and sometimes with clients depending on the task that needs to be done. It is flexible. There have been times this past winter that as many as 6 volunteers have been gone at one time for travel or other reasons which makes it hard to schedule enough volunteers to do work to be done. If you have ever thought you might be interested in volunteering without a long term commitment, please contact Larry Peterson, or the church office and let them know of your interest. I can tell you it is actually really rewarding and likely not what you are expecting.

Thank You for your continued support of the pantry, and may the peace of God be with you.

Larry Peterson, Pantry Manager

Resurrection Food Pantry	February 2022
Number of families	161
Total # of adults, including seniors	288
Number of seniors	93
Number of children (minors)	143
Total people served	432
New families registered	18
Families of 5 or more	27
Volunteer hours	232.5
Food purchase weight	45
Food purchase value	42.95
Donated food weight	14,121
Donated food item count	7,895
Donated food value	19,499
Total weight	14,166
Total value	19,542

Church Council Committee & Liaisons

Council President—Larry Peterson

Vice President—Bill Hartung

Treasurer—Ken Rudie*

Council Secretary—Jodi Koch

Financial Secretary—Chris Peterson*

Resource & Finance—Jim Gatske

Christian Education—Sally Seidl

Celebration—Christina Marcin

Worship—Melissa Smith

Mutual Ministry—Carol Borremans

Food Pantry—Joan Swigert

Church Support—Bill Hartung

Outreach—Val Nelson

Church Secretary—Emily Greatens*

Organist—Adria Cary*

*Not on council

Shut-ins

Ron Anderson

Woodside Rehab

Mulberry 615

1040 Pilgrim Way

Green Bay, WI 54304

Joyce Corriveau

250 Ninth St. #112

DePere, WI 54115

(920) 983-5112

What God Says When You Are...

Doing Well

Psalm 33:12-22, 100
1 Timothy 6
James 2:1-17

Anxious for Dear Ones

Psalm 121
Luke 17

Discouraged

Psalm 23, 42, 43

Experiencing Severe Loss

Colossians 1
1 Peter 1

Going From Bad to Worse

2 Timothy 3
Hebrews 13

Ill or in Pain

Psalm 6, 39, 41, 67
Isaiah 26

Feeling "Blue"

Psalm 34, 71
Isaiah 40

Unable to Sleep

Psalm 4, 56, 130

Desiring Inward Peace

John 14
Romans 8

Weary

Psalm 95-1-7
Matthew 11

Burdened by Worry

Psalm 46
Matthew 6

Wanting a Worshipful Mood

Psalm 24, 84, 116
Isaiah 1:10-20
John 4:1-45



Resurrection's Prayer Chain is available for you!

Whatever you need, whether it's the concern of a desperate need, a joyous prayer of thanksgiving for blessings received, or something in-between, we will pray for you all in confidence.

Simply call Kathie McFarlane at (920) 499-6381 or Linda Bertrand at (920) 217-8770 to activate the process.



Our hearts are heavy with sadness and joy. Sadness because we have lost our dear Tim Williams too soon. He was at the pantry almost every day doing something. Some days he packed food bags, other days he cleaned the toilet or did some other

task that needed doing. We will need three people to take his place. Joy because he has reached the ultimate goal - life with our Lord And Savior.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, Deb, and daughter, Cassidy, who will now have an empty spot in their lives. You can bring cards or notes with you on pantry day and we will see they get to the family.

Tim, God sent you to us when we really needed you, but took you away far too soon. You will be deeply missed by all.

**Council Meeting****Date: 3/21/22 Time: 6:30****Council Members: (Bold indicates attendance at the meeting)**

Larry Peterson—President	Melissa Smith
Bill Hartung—Vice President	Joan Swigert
Jodi Koch—Secretary	Christina Marcin
Chris Peterson—Financial Secretary	Jim Gatske
Ken Rudie—Treasurer	Sally Seidl
	Val Nelson

Guest(s): Emily Greatens—Church Secretary

Topic	Discussion	Action
Devotion/ Prayer Call to Order	Larry Peterson called the meeting to order at 6:28 and provided a devotion vines and branches. Discussed how this passage relates to us.	
Approval of Reports	Secretary's Report- no corrections/changes. Presidents Report- recap of what was in the most recent lifeline. Treasurer- err on the report the current balance should be \$57,292 not \$45,292 Bill is still looking into Thrivent to see if we can get more interest on our savings account. Financial Secretary- see report VP- no report.	Discussed putting the council meeting minutes in the life line, on line and Facebook along with brief treasures report. Motion to approve reports made by Val seconded Sally Motion carried
Committee Reports		
	Resource and Finance- it was determined we can afford an intern as there are no insurance or housing expenses. There are no recommendations to the council. Celebration- no report. Council discussed having a small continental type breakfast after Easter service. Outreach/pantry- Outreach will be getting baskets for the outreach family. The Pantry's numbers are up with 18 new families. The Boy Scout food drive is April 9 th . There is no letter carriers drive this year. Education- The kids will be making an article for the lifeline to keep congregation informed as to what they are doing. Right now they are collecting a noisy offering for Ukraine. They plan on providing plastic egg treats for the homeless shelter for Easter. They are also looking at doing something for House of Hope for Mother's Day.	Jim is looking into getting insurance for the pick- up for the food pantry.

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	<p>Worship- no report</p> <p>Endowment- no report</p> <p>Church support- Carpets in Sunday school rooms shampooed. The outreach center roof has a few small leaks. Boiler in church also leaks but will be repaired after the heating season.</p>	<p>Motion to approve reports made by Jim seconded Sally</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>
Old Business		
	<p>Member attendance on line/ onsite - records are being kept on a spread sheet by Emily.</p> <p>Church directory update- Judy Gastke is meeting with Linda and Jean Wednesday to start updating. They already got information from Emily.</p> <p>Facebook update? Bill will look into being able to have written materials available to go along with or a part of the service streaming. Emily states we need a license to broadcast copy righted material. We had on in the past but new need a new one. Bill will contact the synod and trinity to see what / how to get what we need.</p> <p>Church partnering/ supply pastor Bill is having difficulty finding a pastor for Palm Sunday but on is set up for Easter.</p> <p>Invitation to return to in person worship- has been done in lifeline. Will send invites via e mail after directory updated.</p> <p>Review Darjune contract regarding maintenance expenses/ discuss parking- problem resolved for now. New contract will happen in October.</p> <p>Check on possibility of storage for pantry overflow at other churches- not needed currently.</p> <p>Are there any objections to pursuing partnership with Calvary for pantry support/expansion on hold for now.</p>	
New Business		
	<p>Joel Xavier has requested the use of the upstairs Oasis room as a retreat to do writing 2-4 hrs per week. He may also be interested in volunteering as the internship supervisor if we agree with the internship. He want to let us know he may be attending the AA group meetings as a caring retired pastor, as he did volunteering at a treatment center in the past.</p>	

Topic	Discussion	Action
	<p>Pantry board has developed a set of by-laws The board includes volunteers from all churches involved with the pantry. They need to be approved by the council.</p> <p>Grant for pantry truck to be used to pick up and deliver food has been approved. Total grant amount is \$46,364. Larry is working on trying to find a vehicle in that price range but it is proving difficult with rising vehicle costs. He will keep us update.</p> <p>The expectations of part time pastor were discussed and the following are the ideas gathered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide services on Sunday • Attend council and select committee meetings such as worship and Resource and finance. • Hours must overlap Emily's at least one day/week • Be available for funerals if needed • Visit shut-ins and hospital patients (if allowed) • Conduct adult/ youth Bible studies <p>A Card was signed by the council members to thank the Vollrath estate for the money given to the church.</p> <p>Adria Cary has requested the use of the church for the Wisconsin guild of organists. The church would need to provide nothing but the church. it would be attended by 75-100 people. The concert would be in late summer.</p> <p>Home delivery for food pantry There has been request to deliver food from the food pantry but we are unable to do at this time.</p> <p>Emily's is requesting few days of vacation.</p>	<p>Tabled until next meeting so council members have time to review</p> <p>Motion made by Bill and seconded by Val to allow church to be used by the organist's guild for a concert late summer. Motion carried</p> <p>Motion made by Bill seconded by Jim to approve Emily's vacation days. Motion carried.</p> <p>Motion made to end meeting by Val seconded by Jim Motion carried.</p>
Adjournment: 8:25 p.m.		
	Next Meeting: Monday, 4/18/22 Devotions: Joan	

Submitted by,

Signed: _____ Jodi Koch _____



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APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1. AA 9:00 AM	2.
3. Worship 9:30 AM	4.	5. Quilters 9:00 AM	6.	7. Food Pantry 9:00 AM	8. AA 9:00 AM	9.
10. Worship 9:30 AM Psalm Sunday	11.	12. Quilters 9:00 AM	13.	14. Food Pantry 9:00 AM Maundy Thursday	15. AA 9:00 AM Good Friday	16.
17. Worship 9:30 AM Easter Sunday	18. R + F Meeting 2:00 PM Council Meeting 6:30 PM	19. Quilters 9:00 AM	20.	21. Food Pantry 9:00 AM	22. AA 9:00 AM	23.
24. Worship 9:30 AM	25.	26.	27.	28. Food Pantry 6:00 PM	29.	30.

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