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From the Pastor Ed Baseman

Happy New Year! We turn the church calendar to Advent, again...

Advent, the first of our church year, is with us again. The season of Advent holds the 'already and not yet' of Jesus for us each December. And yet this year Advent is different, at least to me. Maybe pandemic time is getting to me somehow, my sense of time seems distorted anyway.

We experience time in linear fashion. The eternal present scrolls on between our 'already' past and the 'not yet' of our future. We keep going, because that's how our lives go.

But that's not the whole story. We also experience time in cyclical fashion. We remember what has gone before (cycles) and anticipate what's next. We try to understand what is coming as something framed in our experiences, by what we know of the past. We make sense of our lives in what we learn and understand in those experiences, in 'firsts' but also in repeating things, by what's new and what's familiar.

And this year so much of that seems broken, or at least changed. Pandemic, politics, protests and more unsettle us. So much is not 'as usual,' from profoundly different everyday lives to changed and tenuous holiday plans things seem so very altered. So... happy new church year?

Advent reminds us to trust that God is indeed transforming us and our beautiful, broken world in Christ's image, shepherding us along God's ways of peace and justice even now. We are called again to something more than just our present difficulties; we are called again to a new life in the manger and cross of Christ Jesus. New life in the midst of all our 'already' and 'not yet' challenges, especially now.

Which can lead us into anticipation, another Advent thing, waiting for the Kingdom of heaven to show up yet again. It requires looking in faith but it is already here even as it is not yet finished.

This Advent—this incarnation of Jesus with us—is the 'already' and 'not yet' of Emmanuel, God *with* us. It is also 'both/and'; *both* repentance *and* forgiveness, *both* anticipation *and* realization of God with us in under and through our *both* fully human *and* fully divine savior Jesus.

From the Pastor Ed Baseman

So take a breath and slow down...and let yourself live fully into the grace incarnate in Jesus this season!

We don't exactly know what this season will bring in worship or much else, but we will be faithfully waiting, faithfully watching, faithfully present for God with us—called to service again, and again, now and always...so stay tuned!

Rev. Ed Baseman

From the President Sally Seidl

IN ANOTHER TIME IN ANOTHER PLACE LOVE WAS BORN

In another time, in another place, LOVE was born. These words were written in a Christmas Card I received back in the 70's. I've never forgotten them. I'm dedicating this article to my sister, Kay Ann Seidl, whose life was a testament of God's love and the love of countless people.

Kay was born November 4th, 1946. She was the first born, beautiful, blonde, blue-eyed, and very outgoing. Everyone loved Kay. Then on March 31st, 1951, tragedy struck. Kay went into the bathroom and threw up. She came out and said, "Momma, I don't feel good." She then started having a seizure that didn't stop. Life, as we knew it, changed forever.

My dad was employed by the Chicago and Northwester Railroad and was working out of town. when Kay got sick. He got a call that mom was in the hospital. She was 9 months pregnant, so he thought he was coming home to a new baby. I cannot even imagine what it was like for him to find Kay so critically ill. The seizures had left her contracted, unable to walk, use her hands/ arms, or talk. In an instant she became a vegetable. (My sister Mary was born 10 days after Kay got sick. I was 18 months old, so my parents really had their hands full.)

Kay spent 3 weeks at St Vincent's and then another 4 weeks in Madison. She would seizure and sleep, day after day. The doctors did everything they could, but they could not diagnose her, let alone treat her. Kay was kept in a closet in the Madison hospital, because they didn't know if she was contagious. My parents could hear her crying every time they stepped off the elevator. Finally the doctors told mom and dad to come get Kay. There was nothing they could do for her.

Then the changes really started happening. (I'll try to make this as short as I can.) Our family doctor said to put Kay in a home. Mom and dad couldn't do that. My great-aunt Louise was living with my grandparents, and she offered to take care of Kay. My parents took her up on her loving offer. Aunt Louise cleared up all of Kay's bedsores and taught her how to swallow, so they could get rid of the feeding tube. My grandparents helped with Kay's care. The people of Seymour held a benefit dance and raised \$2100 for Kay, a lot of money in 1951. My parents were able to buy a hospital bed, hooyer lift and high-backed wheelchair for Kay. The care Kay received was out of this world. At the end of her life, she ended up at St Mary's with pneumonia. She died while being suctioned. Her nurse that day met me in the hall, put her head on my shoulder and cried. She said she had never seen anyone so well cared for and so loved as Kay. Kay died at age 42. It took my mom until 1969 to pay off Kay's original 1951 hospital bill. We were poor,

From the President Sally Seidl

I could write a book about the love that poured out to Kay and all of our family. God never left us. As horrible as this whole situation was, we all knew He was there with us, loving us. He sent us loving relatives, friends, neighbors and acquaintances to share the load. Everyone still loved Kay. They loved us too. That love and support sustained us. My parents were never bitter, nor were my grandparents, Aunt Louise, Mary or I. We felt love and enjoyed life, with Kay always in the middle of us. I believe Kay also had a happy life. She communicated that through her smiles and loving looks.

I'm sure you can all relate to the tragedy that struck my family so many years ago. We all have to deal with horrible circumstances. It's God's love for us that gives us the strength we need to get through the difficult times. It's His love that gives us the ability to love Him and love the people in our world. Yes, in another time, in another place, love was born. Thanks be to GOD.

I send my love to all of you this Christmas. We may be worshipping in a different way due to the coronavirus, but we'll be worshipping a Loving God who gives us His Love openly and freely.

Blessings,

Sally

Food Pantry

It is hard to think we are already into the Holiday season. 2020 has been a long year in many ways, but there is a lot to be thankful for, especially from the pantry perspective.

I missed the note for the November Lifeline because I had my shoulder replaced near the end of October. Typing was difficult for me using only my left hand. Things are getting better and the pain in my shoulder is gone. Now that is something to really be thankful for.

Speaking of thankful, here is a list of some of the things for which I am thankful:

I am Thankful for the donors who faithfully support the pantry. There have been more than usual this year and the pantry has been able to actually increase the amount of food we distribute each month to the families that use the pantry.

I am Thankful for the volunteers at the pantry. We have had to change the way we distribute food as a result of the virus and it requires more preplanning and pre-packing to minimize chances of exposure. We actually need more hours donated and people for distribution days compared to in the past. The volunteers have been extraordinary.

I am very Thankful to Gary McFarlane for picking up my responsibilities during my time of recovery.

I am Thankful for the Clients: Their continued understanding in support of the changes we have made and their smiling faces when they come to pick up their food.

I am Thankful for the community support for the pantry.

I am Thankful for the food that we get from the Government and Feeding America to distribute to our clients.

But I am most thankful to God for making this all possible.

Statistics from October 2020

# of families	243
# of adults	418
# of seniors	134
# of children	203
Total people served	621
New families registered	34
Families of 5 or more	65
Volunteer hours	319.25

From me and all of the volunteers, we wish you a joyful Christmas and Happy New Year! Stay safe.
Larry Peterson, Pantry Manager

Financial Report

January 1, 2020 - July 31, 2020



Operating income: \$77,809.00

Total income: \$95,175.10

Designated income: \$17,366.10

(Operating income - money available to pay bills - = total income minus Designated income)

(Designated income is income designated for specific funds i.e. food pantry, capital fund, etc.)

Total expenses: \$70,081.30

Monthly gain/(loss): \$7,727.70

(Operating income minus Total expenses)

Operating income YTD = \$77,809.00

Operating expenses YTD = \$70,081.30

Loss YTD = \$0

Gain YTD = \$7,727.70

Bank Balance as of July 31, 2020: \$34,878.57 (includes \$17,255.00 Small Business Loan)

OH, RATS....!

It's that time of year when we prepare for the winter to come. We break out the winter clothes, check the food supply, plan on staying warm, that sort of thing. It applies to everyone...even to those who don't speak English, who wear fur year round, have four legs and can get thru a doorway the size of a dime. Yep, mice. Occasionally (surprised?) the little critters find their way into church. They know us Lutheran like to eat and that many times there's food in "them thare hills". And they find it. We set traps seasonally, hoping to come up empty. And mostly we do. Recently, we checked the basement pantry area and found some activity. The varmints ate their way into a bag of Doritos and emptied it. And they left some tracer pellets behind. Anyway, just a reminder that if you bring food and leave it behind, seal it tightly please. Better yet, just eat it. You could share it with the maintenance guys (if there's no nuts in it...). Traps are in place. I bated with butter and some berry seeds. I figure if the trap doesn't get 'em, high cholesterol will!!

Lead us to a place,
Guide us with Your grace,
Give us faith so we'll be safe...

Bill Hartung



RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Shut Ins

Ron & Judy Anderson

Assisted Living by Hillcrest
525 Tenth St. #52
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(920) 634-1316

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Green Bay, WI 54304
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Church Staff

Pastor – Ed Baseman
Secretary – Emily Greatens
Organist – Joan Stone
Sr. Choir Director – Beth Krepline
Nursery Attendant – Helen Huetter

Why Are We Here?

Our Mission;
“Live and Share the Love of Christ”
Our Vision:
“Strengthen and Grow our
Commitment to God, Church &
Community”

Address Change

Judy Anderson

Green Bay Health Services
1640 Shawano Avenue
Green Bay, WI 54303

Pat Tesch

Trail Ridge Senior Living
3408 W. Ralph Rogers Road Apt B-116
Sioux Falls, SD 57108

Worship

Main Worship
9:30 AM on Sundays

All Ages Sunday School
8:30 AM on Sundays

Office Hours

Monday – Thursday
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Happy Birthday From
Resurrection Lutheran

Church Council
Liaisons &
Committee

Kerena Wood	12/03
Karigann Wood	12/05
Griffin Horkman	12/07
Lois Roggow	12/10
Joan Swigert	12/13
Sean LePlante	12/14
Sierra Lardinois	12/15
Faye McKay	12/15
Logan Hoida	12/21
Ron Anderson	12/23
Bob Bishoff	12/23
Beth Koch	12/23
Bill Hartung	12/25
Melissa Smith	12/26
Cole Marcin	12/27

Council President – Sally Siedl (920) 680-5741

Vice President & Outreach– Val Nelson (920) 499-5481

Treasurer – Ken Rudie (920) 634-2599 *

Secretary – Melissa Smith (920) 562-8297

Financial Secretary – Chris Peterson (920) 499-9286 *

Resource & Finance – Jim Gatske (920) 468 -1409

Christian Education – Melissa Smith (920) 562 -8297

Celebration – Cathy Morgans (920) 309 -2710

Worship – Cathy Morgans (920) 309 -2710

Mutual Ministry – Carol Borremans (920) 498-2475

Food Pantry – Joan Swigert (920) 497- 4923
Larry Peterson (920) 499-9286

Church Support & Property – Bill Hartung (920) 494-7722

* Not on council

Do you feel you need a prayer?

Resurrection's Prayer Chain is available for you!

Whatever your 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 in all confidence.

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

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1.	2. Online Advent Worship 6:30 PM	3. Food Pantry 9:00 AM	4.	5.
6. Online/ Drive Up Worship 9:30 AM	7.	8.	9. Online Advent Worship 6:30 PM	10. Food Pantry 9:00 AM	11.	12.
13. Online/ Drive Up Worship 9:30 AM	14.	15.	16. Online Advent Worship 6:30 PM	17. Food Pantry 9:00 AM	18.	19.
20. Online/ Drive Up Worship 9:30 AM	21. R + F Meeting 6:00 PM Longest Night Online Worship 8:00 PM	22. Council Meeting 6:30 PM Food Pantry 6:00 PM	23.	24. Christmas Eve Worship 7:00 PM No Pantry Christmas Eve	25. Christmas	26.
27. Online/ Drive Up Worship 9:30 AM	28.	29. Food Pantry 6:00 PM	30.	31. No Pantry New Year's Eve		