

# LIFELINE

## RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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# From the Pastor Ed Baseman

It has always been a part of Christian life to look ahead and hope and faith, and our faith demands that we do not shy away from what is next, from telling the truth, from calling things what they are. Word is spoken, gospel is proclaimed to further God's great tasks; of reconciling our (selfish) selves to God's self, making all things new in grace upon grace.

We welcome the lengthening days of February, with their growing light, in this season of Epiphany. Soon enough we will be on our Lenten journey. We will move out of Lenten darkness toward the three days, following Jesus the Christ lifted high on a cross, arms spread wide to embrace us, to embrace the world in the self-giving love of his purpose. We will again be called out of the dark tomb into the bright morning of Easter into the overwhelming flood of grace with Jesus...again and always; past, present and future.

So there is light ahead in our current darkness. The pandemic seems to be receding for now, and more and more of us are and will be vaccinated. I am happy to report that I have already had one of my two doses and that I look forward to receiving the next right before Ash Wednesday. I hope you can and will be vaccinated soon as well.

For now though, we need to keep our care for one another and our community at the forefront of how and when we worship. Experts say that this is a particularly difficult time; that we must remain vigilant (especially with the new Covid variants) even though our hearts might want to rush back to some kind of 'normal.'

For now, we will continue to gather in the parking lot Sunday mornings, weather permitting. We plan to do a drive-up and Facebook Live Stream Ash Wednesday worship (February 17 at 5:00pm). Ashes (to go) and the service order will be available before for those who will participate online. Get your Ash Wednesday at home kit at February Sunday parking lot services or call the church offices. Our midweek Lenten services will begin online in the Zoom format Feb. 24, Mar. 3 at 6:00 pm.

The Covid Task Force and Church Council will continue their work on how and when we will be able to worship inside safely, so stay tuned for that. God's in Christ knows us and loves us. God gives us sufficient faith to trust that God is good and present for us wherever and however we gather as the Body of Christ. It is good news for us and with us, our past, present and future.

Thanks be to God!

*Rev. Ed Baseman*

# From the President Sally Seidl

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Hi Everyone,

Usually when I write these articles, I write and re-write them several times so they make sense and offer up something worth your reading. I use a writing format that I learned in college.

Tonight, I'm going to write this from my heart, without worrying about format, etc. Tonight I'd like to scream "What's wrong with us as a people? What's wrong with us as a nation, as a community, as a church? Where is our compassion? Where is the love that Jesus instructed us to share?" The Bible tells us that a house divided cannot stand. Well, we are divided as a nation, a community and as a church. As Christians, I think, we need to do some self reflection and think about God's reaction to what we are up to. Is He smiling or crying?

For the last two weeks I was sicker than a dog. My covid test was negative, but Bellin's employee health nurses kept reminding me that 30% of negative covid tests are false. While in quarantine, I saw quite a bit of news on TV. I watched as a crowd of angry insurgents stormed the Capitol of the United States. I watched as police officers were beaten with flags, pipes, hockey sticks among other things. Five people died. Rioters chanted "Hang Mike Pence!!!", "Where's Nancy?" They urinated and defecated on the walls and floor. They ransacked offices and destroyed property. They had guns, bear spray and zip ties. They put our democracy at risk and all the members of Congress and their staff at risk. Now some people want to move on as if it never happened. They want unity instead of accountability. What about the trauma experienced by the people that hid under tables, in closets, that hid period? What about the trauma family and friends experienced? What about our future as a democracy? What is wrong with us as a nation? Where is our compassion?

My neighbor is immune compromised, and yet her relative refuses to wear a mask when visiting. A nurse, that I went to nursing school with, rants and raves about having to wear a mask, because she has the right not to wear one. What about the rights of others not to be exposed to Covid? She's a nurse and a Christian, yet she is not willing to protect her fellow man! Two CNA's and an RN go out drinking every morning after work. They don't wear masks in the bar, nor do they wear masks at work, despite working in healthcare and being reprimanded by superiors. One came down with Covid and infected 11 out of 13 night staff and their families plus those families' coworkers, classmates and teachers. A young woman with little kids can't have emergency surgery, because she tested positive for Covid. Her kids are scared to death that she's going to die. And still people don't want to wear a mask. A doctor was notified that his patient was receiving too many IV fluids and too much medication for his size. The man was homeless and had no family.

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The nurse, who advocated for him, was told to do nothing and let it be day shift's problem. A nurse with 30 yrs of psych experience decides psych nursing is a waste. People should just buck, up and deal with their problems. Really? People with histories of physical, emotional and sexual abuse should just buck up? Really? People with medical diagnoses of depression, bipolar, psychosis should not get treatment? Why? "Because those black people (or poor people) just game the system." What is wrong with us as a community? Where is our compassion?

Churches are divided over whether or not they should do in-church services. Imagine the position that places the priest, pastor or rabbi in. Who does he or she listen to? The entire church is his/her responsibility. His/her health is put at risk. I was told recently by a Christian friend that I'm not a good Christian, because I don't think churches should be open for in-church services. The scientific and medical experts are saying the months ahead will be the worse ever. I'm a nurse, of course I'm going to listen to and follow the science. Yes, I'd love to be in church, but I've seen the deadly effects of Covid. I know people who have died of it. I've had friends that were so sick they couldn't even turn themselves over in bed. I've seen the delayed effects of Covid – loss of hearing, lingering fatigue, damaged lungs. I'm tired of people dismissing the seriousness of the disease. I'm tired of being told that if I really trusted in God, I wouldn't have a problem going into church. God gave us brilliant men and women, who have advised us on how to protect ourselves and others in this pandemic. He gave us science, and we need to listen to His experts. Do we really want to put others at risk of getting a deadly infectious disease like Covid? He gave us technology so we can safely worship in the parking lot or at home. What is wrong with us as a church? Where's our compassion?

Is God smiling or crying? What does he expect us to do? Do we stay divided or do we try to find a way to come together? Do we think only of our wants and needs, or do we think of what's best for others? Please don't tell me I need to trust in God to handle the division in our world. I do trust in God, but I also believe He expects us to take action against the civil unrest in this country, the wrongs in our community and any division that arises in our church. I'm passionate about the things I've written about. You may not agree with me, but I do hope everyone will join me in doing some self reflection and will strive to put the safety of others first and foremost. Please, let's follow the science. Let's wear a mask, social distance, stay home, wash our hands, avoid congregating in social settings. (I wear a mask 8 hrs a day at work. You do get use to it and can even forget your are wearing it.)

Praying for us a nation, a community and a church...

# Food Pantry

February Greetings from the food pantry

We are thankful for the support that the pantry is seeing. Our January shipment of food from the Government exceeded our freezer capacity. We are thankful that Bethel Lutheran had some freezer capacity we could use for a couple of weeks. During January we were unexpectedly able to obtain an additional used upright freezer for the pantry. This makes 10 freezers now in use at the pantry. It is hard to imagine that we can distribute that much food each month. I am always amazed when just what we need becomes available just when we need it.

We continue to deliver food to the client's vehicles in the parking lot. We would like to be able to have more social interaction with them but for now we must proceed on the side of safety for the clients and the staff. The current process does make the distribution days a little more efficient but it feels like we are missing the fun part of the activity. I guess there is good and bad in everything.

For now we are thankful for the blessings that God sends to us. We have trained 5 new volunteers, and have seen the return of some who were off for a while. We are now getting closer to the goal of being able to have some time off for volunteers occasionally without slowing down the distribution. The volunteers are coming from Ascension Lutheran and the community at large as well as from Resurrection Lutheran.

Thank You for all the support we continue to receive for the pantry. We ask God to bless you generously.

Larry Peterson, Pantry Manager



# RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

## Shut Ins

***Ron & Judy Anderson***

Assisted Living by Hillcrest  
525 Tenth St. #52  
Depere, WI 54115  
(920) 634-1316

***Joyce Corriveau***

250 Ninth St. #112  
Depere, WI 54115  
(920) 983-5112

***Andrea Vollrath***

Woodside Manor 2  
1060 Pilgrim Way Apt. 303  
Green Bay, WI 54304  
(920) 494-7942

## 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

Weston Krepline	2/02
Samantha North	2/03
Cris Taylor	2/10
Alisha Cloutier	2/10
Ken Rudie	2/13
Vince Jirik	2/14
Debbie LePlante	2/16
Sherry Nelson	2/16
Larry Peterson	2/16
Andrea Vollrath	2/16
Emily McKay	2/17
David Silvers	2/22
Dick Swigert	2/23
Beth Krepline	2/25

*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.

# February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1.	2.	3.	4. <b>Food Pantry</b> 9:00 AM	5.	6.
7. <b>Online/ Drive Up Worship</b> 9:30 AM	8.	9.	10.	11. <b>Food Pantry</b> 9:00 AM	12.	13.
14. <b>Online/ Drive Up Worship</b> 9:30 AM	15.	16.	17.	18. <b>Food Pantry</b> 9:00 AM	19.	20.
<b>Valentine's Day</b>			<b>Ash Wednesday</b>			
21. <b>Online/ Drive Up Worship</b> 9:30 AM	22. <b>R + F Meeting</b> 6:00 PM	23. <b>Council Meeting</b> 6:30 PM	24.	25. <b>Food Pantry</b> 6:00 PM	26.	27.
28. <b>Online/ Drive Up Worship</b> 9:30 AM				28.		