

LIFELINE

RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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From the Pastor Ed Baseman

Happy New Year!

'Don't swap air' Dr. Michael Osterholm says. He is an epidemiologist from the University of Minnesota, and ELCA congregation member and named to the President-elect's transitional Covid-19 Advisory Board. His point is to stay away from indoor events that put us in extended contact with others. Which is what we are still trying to do in these days...

Last year, my 2020 January Lifeline article was centered around breath. I wrote, thinking especially of Judy Wendt and Pat Valley (both died in December 2019)... 'I especially remember those who have died, who don't share breath with us in this world anymore.' And now, here we are trying not to share breath ('swapping air' as Osterholm says) with each other for our collective lives' sake. And it's not easy. I miss being together and all that we share—not just breath. I imagine we all do. For now, it's the most faithful way forward for us. And we will get through this together—there is light at the end of our dark pandemic months. Thanks for your understanding, even when it's not easy.

Last year my resolution was 'To live and breathe with more gratitude; to see the light of Christ's life in all the people breathing (as I breathe) by the grace of God. To thank God amid the brokenness of this world for its beauty, and for the beauty of God's preferred and promised future for us in Jesus Christ.'

All of that still stands, even if I (we) live and breathe with masks and social distancing, not 'swapping air' because of that preferred and promised future in Christ, which has not changed. For now, we will continue with Drive up worship, streaming and prerecorded online worship options.

So, we don't know what our immediate future holds, exactly, but we know our greater future lies with the God who loves us so much that 'that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.' (John 3:16).

Please take note that our Annual Meeting will be held in a different way this pandemic year. We will meet after Drive Up worship on January 17th (per our constitution and bylaws), but that meeting will be a 'bare-bones' minimal meeting to keep us operating; we will have a follow-up meeting later in the year (likely June or July). That later meeting will follow a more normal agenda with reports and such.

From the Pastor Ed Baseman

Also, thank you all so much for your generous Christmas gift! It was an overwhelming gesture and so very much appreciated!

Thank you!

Rev. Ed Baseman

From the President Sally Seidl

Dear Friends in Christ,

We have been through quite a year together, one we never imagined last January. There have been the usual disasters -- hurricanes, tornados, wildfires, floods, etc. Then there have been the really big disasters – Covid-19, a very heated election, episodes of police brutality, etc. The first mentioned disasters brought us together but the second set tore us apart. We all know the negative results of those disasters. They probably come to mind first.

There were, however, positives in the midst of all the negativity. In our congregation alone, God's Love prevailed. Our Pastor and church leaders worked hard to make sure we could worship in safe ways, that met our members' individual needs. Our food pantry made adjustments, so they could serve their clients safely. Pastor Ed and members of our church reached out to neighbors, who were struggling with health issues. Pastor Ed and our prayer chain prayed for all who asked for prayers, even those who were not members of Resurrection. Yes, God's Love prevailed. You lived it and shared it generously.

The events of 2020 forced us to think outside the box. Let's keep that thinking going. 2021 will come with many of the past year's challenges plus, I'm sure, some new ones. As long as we keep God near and rely on Him, we can meet the challenges ahead of us and still enjoy God's Love, His Peace and the beauty of His world.

Last year Carol Borremans wrote in her January Lifeline entry that she didn't accomplish everything that she had hoped to as president of the church council. I can say the same thing. We can make our plans, but God often has something else in mind for us. In last year's January Lifeline, Pastor Ed wrote about his New Years resolutions: "To live and breathe with more gratitude; To see the light of Christ's life in all people breathing (as I breathe) by the Grace of God; To thank God amid the brokenness of this world for its beauty and the beauty of God's preferred and promised future for us in Jesus Christ." These words speak to me louder this year than last year. I hope you don't mind Pastor Ed, but I'd like to make your last year's resolutions my this year's resolutions.

From the President Sally Seidl

In closing, I would like to thank Pastor Ed and the church council (Jim Gatske, Bill Hartung, Cathy Morgans, Val Nelson, Melissa Smith and Joannie Swigert) for allowing me to be president. I am grateful for their faith in me and for their continued support and encouragement. I also want to thank each member of Resurrection Lutheran for being who you are – a loving church family that does their very best to live out Jesus' direction to love one another. God Bless you all.

Wishing you a Happy and Healthy New Year!!!

With lots of love,

Sally

Food Pantry

Happy New Year from the Food Pantry

It is amazing that we are almost a full year under the social distancing guidelines. I am hoping that 2021 will lift the fear of being with each other again. It is hard to continue to be deprived of smiles, and hugs.

We are all longing to return to normal. But what does that mean? My parents lived through the great depression. They were longing to return to normal but it never did. There remained a fear and internal need to be prepared for a return to having nothing, even after the economy began growing faster than at any time in history. It changed to a new normal. Hopefully our new normal will be better also.

When Jesus came into the world, it changed everything. Normal was supposed to be different. In this holiday season we often look back at all that happened. We can focus on the things we could not do or we could focus on the things that changed and how we dealt with them. Are they better? We have had time to consider what really is important to us and how we can live an intentional life. Can this become the new normal? For me, I understand that the relationships we have or need to have are much more important than some of the other things I spend my time on. I hope relationship building will be a greater part of my new normal. I know I need to do a better job of intentional listening.

In spite everything; we did have a productive 2020 at the pantry. We had a good year raising funds to support the work of the pantry. We were awarded several grants, some unexpected, others we needed to work through the application process and fulfill the requirements. We also received an outpouring of community support like we have never seen before. Likewise we benefitted from gifts and contributions through Feeding America and TEFAP (the federal/state food distribution program). For much of the year we received food at reduced prices because of the additional support by these two organizations. That means we spent only about half of what we had budgeted for food while increasing the amount of food we were able to provide to each family. On the other side of the balance sheet, we needed to spend more on freezer, refrigerator, building changes and cleaning/disinfection, and personal protection items than we had planned.

For the past 12 months we were right on plan for total spending. We averaged about \$1,150.00 per month. We distributed a total of an estimated 212,000 # of food through the pantry. We had 2,890 family visits by clients over that period. We give each family an average of 75# of food per visit. That amount of food fills our grocery carts to nearly overflowing. One of the most telling statistics is we registered and served 437 new families this year.

Food Pantry

Many were large families. It was often situations where people suddenly found themselves unemployed. It is a joy to be able to help in those situations.

We know that God is involved in the activities of the pantry. When we need food, it shows up from all kinds of places. When we need volunteers, we either have people from our defined list sign up or suddenly we get contacted by people from the community who tell us they want to participate in the distribution of the food.

There is great satisfaction in serving others. When Jesus told his disciples that they were there to serve not to be served, it seems to have been a view into how we were created. While it is sometimes fun to receive, I get more pleasure in giving.

Personally this has been a frustrating year for me. The social isolation would have been bad enough but on July 8, I broke my left arm and was therefore very limited in my ability to work at the pantry. It is still not quite right. Then at the end of October I had my right shoulder replaced. Now none of my arms are working well. This is where I feel the love of God and his involvement. The volunteers have stepped in and taken over all of the work I had been doing, and they are doing a terrific job.

Food is currently delivered to clients in the parking lot on distribution days with a non-contact process. It is working.

I want to thank all of you who support the pantry with time, talents, prayers, food and funds. You are part of a ministry that is bigger and more involved than any of us could imagine. In this New Year I pray that you will be happy, healthy and at peace.

Larry Peterson. Pantry Manager.



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Shut Ins

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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
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Green Bay, WI 54303

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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

Whitney Elm	1/02
Kim Sterk	1/06
Emily DeLoughary	1/06
John Koch	1/08
Joyce Corriveau	1/10
Alicya Hanek	1/12
Tim Schwake	1/15
Reese Lardinois	1/16
Lily Horkman	1/16
Jessie Horkman	1/16
Judy Gatske	1/17
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Krista Kuba	1/19
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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.



January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1. New Year's Day	2.
3. Online/ Drive Up Worship 9:30 AM	4.	5.	6.	7. Food Pantry 9:00 AM	8.	9.
10. Online/ Drive Up Worship 9:30 AM	11.	12.	13.	14. Food Pantry 9:00 AM	15.	16.
17. Online/ Drive Up Worship 9:30 AM	18. R + F Meeting 6:00 PM	19. Council Meeting 6:30 PM	20.	21. Food Pantry 9:00 AM	22.	23.
24. Online/ Drive Up Worship 9:30 AM	25.	26.	27.	28. Food Pantry 6:00 PM	29.	30.
31. Online/ Drive Up Worship 9:30 AM						