

LIFELINE

RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday May 1st—Worship

9:30 AM w/ Pastor Rufus Kudee

Thursday May 5th—Food Pantry

9:00 AM

Sunday May 8th—Worship

9:30 AM w/ Dr. Ed Maniscalco

Thursday May 12th—Food Pantry

9:00 AM

Sunday May 15th—Worship

9:30 AM w/ Vicar Melissa Pagel

Monday May 16th—R + F Meeting

2:00 PM

Monday May 16th—Council Meeting

6:30 PM

Thursday May 19th—Food Pantry

9:00 AM

Sunday May 22nd—Worship

9:30 AM w/ Pastor Keith Swanson

Thursday May 26th—Food Pantry

6:00 PM

Sunday May 29th—Worship

9:30 AM w/ Bill Hartung

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...

Well it is time for spring and gardens and flowers and other new beginnings. Summer is nearly here, and so is our new Vicar. The Synod said that there are a lot of congregations trying to find a new pastor, so many in fact that it will be a long time before all of the needs are met. To fill in while new plans are made Resurrection Lutheran will be the home of a Seminary student (Intern) to help with the pastoral needs of our congregation. Since our Intern has not graduated yet, we are not able to call her (yes our intern is a woman) our pastor because she is not a graduate of the seminary. She will be called "Vicar". She has been granted a designation of Synodically Authorized Minister, which is a lay person, authorized by the bishop to preside at Holy Communion under special conditions at a specific location. This is too technical for me but it means she will be able to do what we need a pastor to do at our church including communion services.

Our New Vicar is Melissa Pagle, She currently lives in Manitowoc and will be commuting to Green Bay while she and her Husband look for a house in the Green Bay area. Her desire is to move to Green Bay because it meets her needs better than Manitowoc. She is a full time employee of Humana Health, and will continue to work remotely in that capacity. Our Vicar will work part time at Resurrection Lutheran, planned to be about 20 hours per week. She has completed the first two years of Seminary training. The plan is she will be an intern at our church for 2 years. I know there are probably a lot of additional questions you may have but it will be better to ask them when she begins her internship here around June 1.

The council has met Melissa and we believe she will be a good fit for our congregation. Please make her and her family welcome when she gets here.

Keep our church and your council in your prayers as we work toward figuring out what the future will be.

Larry Peterson, Council President

A Word From Our Vicar...

Easter Blessings to each of you!

I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Melissa Pagel and I am a pastoral intern attending Wartburg Seminary. I am just completing the second year of four in my Master of Divinity.

Personally, I married my high school sweetheart, Greg and we have two children. My oldest uses the pronouns they/ them and is 23 years old and is on their own. My daughter will graduate from high school this month and will attend Augustana College this fall. I have been a registered nurse for 22 years. We currently live in Manitowoc but are hoping to relocate to Green Bay. We are animal lovers and have a pug, chihuahua and 4 cats. When I am not working or going to school, I love to read, walk, and scrapbook.

I am so excited to join your congregation as the Vicar. I am genuinely impressed with the mission focus of this congregation and can't wait to see where God will take us in the coming months. This is a growing opportunity for all of us. I am open and honest and love to share the Word. I have seen so much sharing of gifts on your web page and am anxious to meet you all. We'll share more information about schedules etc. as we work out details, but at least wanted to say "Hi"!

Shalom!
Vicar Melissa

May Greetings From the Food Pantry!

The pantry has been really busy this month.

Tim Williams, a volunteer originally from Ascension Lutheran, was a significant contributor to the work effort of the pantry for the past several years and we will miss him greatly. His passing has shown a light on our need to have a plan to back up the work that each of the volunteers currently does. We have a temporary plan for picking up the packing and cleaning activities, and we are working toward defining an inventory management plan as well. Tim was always ready to take on any task that needed to be done. We need a person or a few persons to pick up the task of packing bags of Food for distribution. If you can help, please contact Larry or the church office. The time to pack is very flexible.



CROSSWAYS
CAMPING MINISTRIES

Crossways Camping Ministries have noticed that more campers are asking for a little bit of help to pay for camp this year. Inflation is on the rise. Gas prices are up. Food prices are up. And because of those realities, camp fees are up too. Crossways doesn't want campers to ever miss the camping experience because they couldn't afford it and they've never turned away a single camper due to a financial challenge. With your financial contribution, Crossways will be able to distribute camp scholarships to those who are financially struggling.

If you want to write a check:

Make the check to Crossways Camping Ministries and mail it to their administrative office at Crossways Camping Ministries 912 N Oneida Street Appleton, WI 54911

If you want to give via credit card:

Go to their website at www.crosswayscamps.org/donate Follow the prompts. You will have the option to choose a one-time or monthly gift. You will be asked to provide your credit card number.

However you choose to give, you are investing in the lives of campers and families, guests and staff, both now and long into the future.



May you be happy.
May you be well.
May you be safe.
May you find comfort.
May you have strength.
May you have courage.
May you find healing.
May you have peace.
May you have joy.
May you be filled with
 loving kindness.

**May you be blessed
 today & always.**

Prayer for May

Dear Lord, thank you for your faithfulness and grace that has seen me through this year so far. I don't know that this month will hold, but I know you do. I am grateful that you have foreseen every day before I've lived it and you have a hope filled plan to lead me victoriously through everything I face. Please keep me close to you and grant me your strength, energy and power to see me through each day. I offer up all that I am, all that I have and all that I do and ask you to take what I have and multiply it for good and your glory. I look forward to all you will do in me and through me this month. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

In the beginning of this year we had established a Board of directors for the pantry. We are now looking for a suitable replacement for Tim on that Board. Enough looking at problems. Here are some positive things happening at the pantry. We have placed on order a new Ford Pickup truck thanks to a grant. It is expected to arrive in July or maybe August. This truck will be used to pick up food from several sources that God has chosen to help stock the pantry. Food arrives every week, sometimes very unexpectedly. The first week in April, as an example, we received food from Ascension Lutheran, and 25 cases of "Badger Boxes" (a low income perishable government food program), several cases of cereal from Calvary Lutheran, 2,000# of food from Feeding America, and on Saturday; 1½ totes (about 1,500#) of food from The "Scouting for Food" drive. We are also looking at how we might be able to expand services to include home delivery of pantry food for disabled or quarantined clients using this new truck.

The pantry usage seems to be picking up as we had been anticipating. In March, we served 186 families made up of 520 people total and we registered 24 new families in March. Our first pantry distribution day saw 48 families use the pantry, and we delivered 25 Badger boxes to senior housing this past week also.

Our New Pantry Board of Directors has created a set of Bylaws and is formalizing a Sexual Harassment policy, formal budget for 2022 and beyond, and trying to establish a formal Safe Food Handling procedure manual, and will be working out the rules for what will be required to qualify for home delivery. We will also need to be developing a list of authorized drivers for the new truck. There are also plans to create a volunteer manual, and a succession plan for all of the pantry positions and procedures.

Yes, the Pantry is busy. We are looking forward to what we can do to fight hunger in our community in many ways. We are also looking for some additional volunteers, especially some with Spanish speaking skills and also some with warehouse management skills. If you are interested in helping at the pantry, there is an opportunity to "Live and Share the Love of Christ" that I am sure you would enjoy.

Larry Peterson.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Easter greetings from ELCA World Hunger! This holy season reminds us that, even in the face of the cross and the tomb, God is at work inspiring resurrection hope. As the people of God, we cling to this hope, searching for signs of the risen Christ amid the ongoing pandemic and the daily headlines of violence and destruction in Ukraine.

One of our partners in Serbia, the Asylum Protection Center (APC), accompanies migrants, refugees and asylum seekers who are primarily from the Middle East and North Africa. Most of them are young adults traveling either alone or with some family.

One family supported by the APC arrived at an asylum center near Belgrade after escaping from war-torn Syria. The father, Rashad, was eager to find a safe place for himself and his young adult son, Ahriman, to settle into as their new home. They connected with a member of the APC staff, and that person worked to ease their transition, helping them obtain additional food rations, permission to leave the camp and legal documentation for work permits and identification. The APC supported the family's integration into Serbian society, teaching them the Serbian language and identifying skills to prepare them for employment.

Once Rashad and Ahriman were granted asylum and gained work permits, they felt safe and were ready for the next step in making a new life for themselves in Belgrade. Thank to support from the APC, Ahriman secured an internship with a local restaurant and Rashad used his skills in graphic and web design to develop a program that teaches Serbian to other Arabic speakers. Eventually, they were able to move out of group housing into a home of their own.

"With support of our APC friends we were able to feel alive again," Rashad said. "We didn't expect that they could do what they did in such a smooth and comprehensive manner. They gave us a grain of hope and dragged us from uncertainty to a new dimension of life."

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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

Fleeing the threat of violence and death, Rashad and Ahri-man were forced to say goodbye to their former lives and home, and to travel in hope toward the possibility of a new life. Their story is an Easter story. During Lent we journey in the wilderness, pursuing God's promised future, and on Easter those promises are realized. It is because God made a way in the wilderness that we have hope, and this hope inspires us to continue the work of bringing to life God's promise of a future when all will be fed.

The conflict in Ukraine will have ripple effects around the globe, especially on the food system. Will you consider a gift today to ensure that the important work of ELCA World Hunger continues? Your gift will be matched until we reach \$100,000.

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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.

**Council Meeting****Date: 4/18/2022****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 6:35 pm. Joan provided a meaningful devotion.	
Approval of Reports	<p>President's Report-Paper work submitted for internship.</p> <p>Vice President's Report- none</p> <p>Treasurer and Financial Secretary- reports match. Was able to transfer \$15,000 from checking to savings. We are under budget for snow removal this year. Food pantry is doing well.</p> <p>Secretary- no changes suggested to indicate Fin Secretary and Treasurer do not need to attend council meetings.</p>	<p>Motion to accept reports—Melissa</p> <p>Seconded by Val</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>
Committee Reports	<p>Resource and Finance- We have a new insurance agent. Staff salaries are in line with what was budgeted. Reviewed the Intern Financial worksheet Approx. annual cost is \$20,300. Counting will be done on the first and last Sunday of the month. It was suggested to have congregation members to start doing the counting again. Ken will reach out to members. Ken will talk to Adria about pay for her substitute. Jim recommended that the church agree to pay the up the shortfall amount for the public service bill. As the church is on a budgeted plan and cost has risen above our budgeted plan. We are behind about \$2000. The total amount would be \$2510.55 which includes this month's bill.</p> <p>Celebration- Easter fellowship was a success.</p> <p>Outreach/pantry- Melissa received a thank you from the outreach family. Numbers of families are up at the food pantry. Pantry volunteer Chris broke his leg. Keep him in thoughts and prayers. Kidz 4 Kindess will make cards for him.</p>	<p>Motion made by Melissa to pay the shortfall along with this month's public service bill</p> <p>Seconded by Sally—</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>

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	<p>Education— Kids 4 Kindness agreed on a logo for their business cards and letter head. They have a letter for the congregation that will go in the Lifeline and bulletin. They gave out plastic eggs with candy and stuffed animals at the shelter on Easter and have ideas for activities for the summer for at the shelter and parks. Working with House of Hope for an activity in May.</p> <p>Worship- no report</p> <p>Church support– Bill is going to work on filling holes in lawn to make it more even for mowing. He will also do some fill in repairs in the parking lot.</p>	<p>Motion made to accept reports by Jim Seconded by Val Motion carried.</p>
Old Business		
	<p>Church partnering/supply pastor -Church partnering and supply Pastors information and decisions: all required paperwork has been sent to Wartburg, with the exception of the supervisor agreement. Melissa Pagle should be available about June 1. We are still waiting for decision on who will be recommended as a Supervisor. Do we want to investigate the possibility linking with Incarnation? They have asked if we would be interested. It would involve council presidents meeting to discuss what it may look like in the future.</p> <p>Progress on selection of Lay Intern Committee? - Kari Wood and Jim has agreed to serve. Carol Borremans tentatively agreed. Any others? Joan and Jodi said they would serve if needed.</p> <p>Member Contact List/Directory—Judy will be having another meeting now that Easter is done.</p> <p>Invitation to return to in person worship in Lifeline and on Facebook.—This has been done. If there are any corrections to the website or Facebook. Let Emily know.</p> <p>Approve pantry bylaws.—By laws reviewed by council</p>	<p>Council members will continue to ask congregation members.</p> <p>Motion to accept Pantry bylaws Jodi Seconded by Joan. Motion carried.</p>
New Business		
	<p>Val questioned if the choir will start back up in the fall. Is Beth coming back.</p>	<p>Bill will reach out to Beth.</p>
Communications:		
	<p>East Central Synod of Wisconsin is selling the office building at 16 Tri-Pak Way. Don't know how this affects us. Most of the workers have been working remotely. Not sure where we will send benevolent money. We will wait for further direction from the synod.</p>	<p>Motion made to adjourn by Jim Seconded by Val Motion carried 000</p>
Adjournment: 7:40 pm		
	<p>Next Meeting: Monday, 5/16/22 Devotions: Bill</p>	

Submitted by,

Signed: _____ Jodi Koch _____.



Hello Guys,

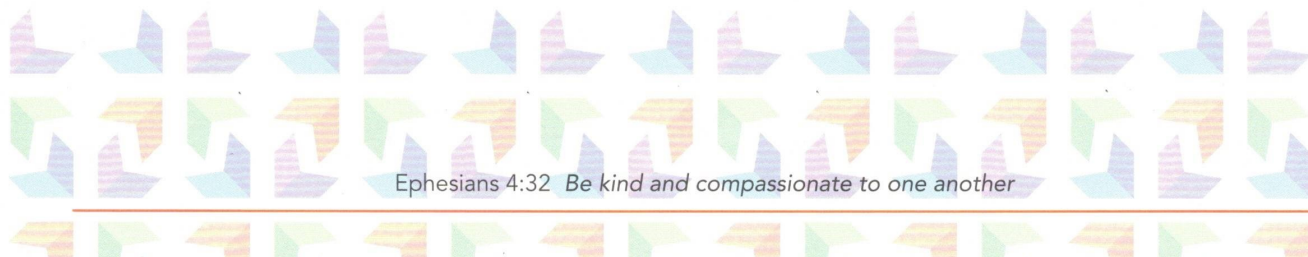
We have a new group at church. It's to replace/give Sunday School a new start. We are very excited. The group is mainly run by the kids, but there are a few adults helping, and more adults are welcome to join once we get it going. We had our first meeting to discuss what everyone's roles are in the group, but we still need to finish that. We are open to new people joining, and we will give you a role so you feel like you are really a part of the group. We haven't had our second meeting yet, because you know the kids are "always too tired."

We have done a few good things to get started with the group. We have made cookies for the homeless shelter, passed out Valentine treats at church and the homeless shelter, sent out homemade get well cards, raised money for Ukraine, made Easter bags for the homeless shelter that had stuffed animals and Easter eggs we put together ourselves.

Somethings we want to do are give out gifts to the House of Hope, give out beach balls to kids at the wading pool in the summer and many other things. We are really excited and can't wait to see our new group grow and all the fun things we will get to do. We hope that more people will join us, and people will spread the word about our group. Now you might be wondering what the group is called. It is called **Kidz 4 Kindness**.

Sincerely,

The K4K Group.





Live and Share the Love of Christ



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

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