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# The Messenger

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Office Hours: 8:30 am - 2:30 pm Monday - Thursday

Sunday Worship: 9:30 am

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***Resurrection Lutheran Church is called by God to reach beyond our walls and share the Good News, bringing Christ to the world, through Prayer, Love and Action.***

The story of the hymn "Amazing Grace" is familiar to many. Apparently, the author, John Newton, a slave trafficker was caught in a wild storm on one of his slave ships. Begging God to save him, the ship miraculously did not sink and thereafter, Newton quit the slave trade and became a Christian.

However, as Newton admits, the story was a bit more complicated than that. His father was a shipmaster, and Newton gained nautical skills by going on trips with him. However, he was pressganged (basically kidnapped) at the age of 18 into naval service where he was flogged brutally in front of his comrades after trying to desert.

Embittered by this experience, he joined a slave ship. However, he did not get on with the crew, who dropped him in West Africa where he consorted with slave traders and himself became a slave for a bit.

Returning to England in 1748, his ship was caught in a severe storm and seemed about to sink. This is when Newton began his conversion to the faith, falling to his knees and begging God to save his life. The storm died down after his prayers.

After this experience, Newton began to read the Bible, but still continued in the slave trade for several more years. After suffering a stroke in 1754 he gave up seafaring and the slave trade. He himself admitted that it took him a while to become a true Christian.

In 1764, Newton became an Anglican priest. His song "Amazing Grace" was referenced in Harriet Beecher Stowe's "Uncle Tom's Cabin" and was recorded by Aretha Franklin, Johnny Cash and Elvis. Recently, President Obama burst into the familiar tune during a memorial service at the church shooting in Charleston, S.C.

## **Church Council Minutes from May 9, 2022**

The devotion Pastor prepared was based on the following bible readings: Matthew 6, 25-33, Exodus 12, 36, Exodus 32, 3-4, Ecclesiastes 5, 10, Hebrews 13, 5-6. The theme was that we should not worry, God will always provide. There is a big difference between what we want versus what we need. Money is a blessing because it is a gift from God. All riches are from God. If you love money, you never have enough to be satisfied. Many people think money is the fast track to satisfaction. Contentment is the opposite of anxiety. When you notice a moment of contentment ... take notice! We discussed the importance of health as the most important gift. Having faith can reduce anxiety and improve our health. The prayer was a thank you to all we have been given by God today and every day.

The homework for June – Read and study Chapters 5, 6 and 7 of Matthew which includes "The Sermon on the Mount". Take notes and be ready to share what "stands out" as the devotion for the June meeting.

The business portion of our meeting included:

Electric Car Charging Station – Pastor reported that there are programs available to fund the set-up if it helps an under privileged / under used area. The details of securing money from the state are still unknown. There are also sponsorships available to fund the set-up. The goal is to have the station available for community use at a break-even cost.

God's Work Our Hands, Sunday, September 11th – It was suggested that we ask each committee to brainstorm for 10 minutes at their next meeting to come with some ideas.

Basement Leakage – Wayne reported there is leakage on the east side. He will call the vendor again.

Current Financial Situation – Wayne crunched some numbers based on recent trends in donations, expenses and poor returns on investments. Our current cash situation is \$349,000 with a projected balance of \$80,000 at the end of 2024 and less than \$15,000 by the end of 2025. There is about \$52,000 in dedicated accounts that was not included.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Beth Silenzi, Church Council Secretary

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### **Outreach Food4Life Food Pantry/Clothing Closet News**

In April the Food Pantry served 64 families consisting of 141 adults and 52 children. Last April, we only had 39 families so the need to help those in our community is growing. We are blessed to be able to help them.

We are forever grateful to those who donate food and toiletries each week. A big thank you to a company named O'Hare Personal Valet. They were certainly doing God's work by donating 40 laundry baskets filled with cleaning supplies. We are so blessed with people who truly care.

Our "Pasta sauce Sunday Drive" was very successful and we thank our members for their generosity. We received 75 cans and jars of pasta sauce. We have started "peanut butter or jelly Sunday" on May 22. Everyone's help in keeping our food pantry stocked is greatly appreciated.



**Serving Our Neighbors by Sharing Our Blessings**

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select "Food Pantry"!



*Please help out the pantry with your donation of  
non-perishable food:*

**June 4-11, 2022**

Jewel Foods

10203 Grand Ave, Franklin Park, IL 60131

**Thank you, Jewel, for partnering with us!**

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**Everyone  
is welcome**

**Sat. June 11  
10:00 - 2:00**



Drive by food drop-off!

Open House at Food4Life/Resurrection!

## Share the Gift

Thank you to everyone that contributed to the Lutheran Disaster Response of the ELCA regarding the crisis in Ukraine and Eastern Europe. We exceeded our goal and raised \$1,364.74. So, with Share the Gift matching the first \$1,000 received, **we sent a total donation of \$2,364.74.** Thank you again to all who contributed!

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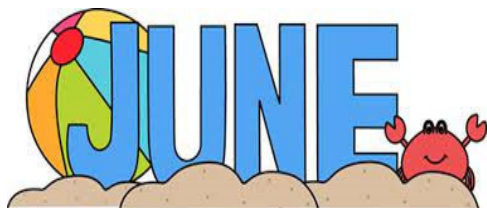
### Financial Summary April 2022

	April	Year to Date
Income:	\$8,202.11	\$28,589.51
Expenses:	(\$11,739.39)	(\$50,089.28)
Income Shortfall:	(\$3,537.28)	(\$21,499.77)
Loss on Investments:	(\$16,868.95)	(\$33,785.71)
Total Shortfall:	(\$20,406.23)	(\$55,285.48)

Results show a large loss in our investments. Envelope income and expenses are on budget for the year. Our cash position as of 4/30/22 is \$304,490.87 in total cash assets, spread across our investment, Money Market, Operating Accounts and other investments. So far this year the stock market has been down, and our investments are not helping to offset our shortfalls. If this trend continues, we could have a huge shortfall this year.

God Bless. Be Healthy and Safe.

**Wayne Molley, Treasurer**



### Church Calendar

June 8	Outreach Meeting	4:30 pm
June 11	Open House	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
June 13	Council Meeting	6:00 pm
June 26	Coffee Hour	11:00 am
Mondays	Food Pantry/Clothing Closet	12:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Wednesdays	Bible Study	2:00 pm
Thursdays	Al-Anon Meetings	7:30 pm

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### In an Emergency

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