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The Messenger

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Pastor Darryl Thompson Powell

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.

Since we recently celebrated Earth Day with a "Care for Creation" worship emphasis on April 23, it seems like a good time to talk about something the council has been considering for months: installing an electric vehicle (EV) charging station at the church. EVs are becoming increasingly popular, as they offer a clean and efficient alternative to gasoline-powered cars. Contrary to what many owners of internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles think, the cost of many EVs is affordable for the average new car buyer. However, the widespread adoption of EVs is still hampered by the lack of charging infrastructure.

There are currently about 100,000 public EV charging stations in the United States, but this number is nowhere near enough to meet the growing demand. Within a two-mile radius of RLC, there are three working, "public" stations. I say "public" because two of the stations at the Village Hall are usually being used by village vehicles. The other working station is at the Franklin Park Metra station. There is an additional station installed at the Metra lot along with one at Walgreens, but neither of those stations work (all are 1st generation models and about 10 years old).

One of the things that has held up the council is the cost. Although users will pay for the electricity they use to charge, the cost for installation and hardware is \$3,500-\$5,000. I've been looking for grants and other ways to cover most (if not all) of the costs for installation, but those opportunities have been slow in developing. Until now, that is. Cook County has set aside over \$100 million from the American Rescue Plan Act to support a clean environment for all. A portion of that funding is going towards reducing the gap in access to EV charging stations by installing public charging stations in the suburbs. To help figure out where, the county has created a survey where people can suggest or vote for specific locations. I'm asking that you take a moment to do the survey below and put (or vote for) 9777 Grand Ave as a location for a Level 2 (L2) charger. I want to be clear: this does not guarantee that the council will approve the installation of a charging station at the church. I'm not trying to do an end-run around them. If the county chooses RLC for a charging station, the council could still say, "No, thank you." Doing the survey leaves our options open; it does not make a decision.

Some of you may think that – because I'm the only one you know who owns an EV – this request is self-serving. It's not. Since I've owned an EV for almost 10 years, I know what the challenges are for new importance of building the EV charging infrastructure. I'm also working with a getting a grant from the city to install two chargers there. I believe churches another way of showing our care, concern, and commitment to God's creation. It community and allows us to witness to people we might not connect with in other

-Darryl Thompson Powell, pastor

bit.ly/CountyEVSurvey



owners and the church in Chicago on installing EV chargers is also gives back to the ways.

Council Meeting Minutes April 2023

Our last meeting was held on April 10, 2023.

Our devotions focused on Romans 12:1-2 where Paul writes to the church in Rome. We heard both the NIV and The Message translations of this text. We then watched a video led by Carey Nieuwhof titled "7 Questions to Resisting Change." Main points to be taken from this were: Why are we resisting change? Sometimes the biggest obstacle to change is YOU! Why am I saying no? Often, we are attached to our past via something emotional. When we isolate why we are resisting change then we will no longer resist. Are we focused on what we want to keep or reach? Would you rather be afraid of change or afraid of never accomplishing your mission? Pastor Darryl asked the Council how we are resisting change. Members replies included: We have to know what our mission is, we don't know what changes to make, we're in limbo, and we are focused too much on the past.

The business portion of our meeting included an update on our security cameras. Pastor Darryl and Wayne M have installed the rear doorbell as well as two cameras in the sanctuary area. We still need cameras for the Fellowship area. Unity in Community has donated funds towards this project. Pastor has updated the server in the office.

Lindsay created forms based on the time & talent sheets that have been collected. The goal is to have these be quick references to help us know which members are active

and plan to be active in specific tasks, their contact information, and a directory of who is on which committees. Updates on committee members are still to be added, Lindsay has emailed committee leaders to help with this. **If you have not turned in a time & talent sheet, please do so.**

Another BBQ will be planned for late this summer. A committee will be formed to plan this event, please see Pastor if you are interested in helping.

Our next meeting will be on May 8, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Mary the Tower

Mary Magdalene is one of the most popular women in the Bible. She was a close follower of Jesus, and she was present at his crucifixion and resurrection. She's also been called a repentant prostitute. When novelists and screenwriters try to insert something salacious into the life of Jesus, they focus on her. Yet on Easter Sunday, Pr. Darryl referred to her as "Mary the Tower," and many folks are wondering why.

Mark your calendar and plan on being at church on July 23 as we celebrate the *Feast Day of Mary Magdalene*. The sermon for the day will look at who Mary the Tower really was, and how sexism in the early church (and traditionalism today) has diminished the importance and understanding of who this woman of faith was to Jesus and the church.

Join us Sunday, July 23 to learn more about Mary the Tower!

Outreach Food4Life Food Pantry/Clothing Closet News



In March the Food Pantry served 76 families consisting of 143 adults and 53 children. We had 9 new guests this month.

Our guest list declined a little this month. Hopefully that is a sign that conditions are improving for our guests.

We are forever grateful to those who donate food each week.

Our special item Sunday continues to be very successful, and we thank our members for their generosity. We have started pasta Sunday. Everyone's help in keeping our food pantry stocked is greatly appreciated. Due to the increase in the number of guests, it is getting harder to keep the shelves stocked. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated. We rely on our members, friends, and neighbors to keep the food pantry running.

We are so fortunate to have a wonderful and dedicated team of volunteers to make Mondays at the Food Pantry work. Our team worked a total of 153 hours in March. Thank you, God for blessing us with so many people wanting to do your work.

Financial Summary March 2023

	March	Year to Date
Income:	\$11,069.02	\$21,761.50
<u>Expenses:</u>	<u>(\$13,029.57)</u>	<u>(\$39,556.71)</u>
Income Shortfall:	(\$1,960.55)	(\$17,795.21)
<u>Loss/Gain Investments:</u>	<u>2,381.97</u>	<u>\$8,259.17</u>
Total Shortfall:	\$421.42	(\$9,536.04)

March results show a gain in our investments. Envelope income was over budget by \$3,326.00 for the month and \$2,310.50 for the year. Expenses were under budget by \$36.26 for the month and over budget by (\$359.21) for the year. We had one large expense item that happened this month. The fan motor on heating/cooling unit had to be replaced at a cost of \$1,600.00. Our cash position as of 3/31/23 is \$208,422.83 in total cash assets, spread across our investment, Money Market, Operating Accounts and other investments. The stock market was up in March. Hopefully this will continue for most of 2023.

God Bless. Be Healthy and Safe.

Wayne Molley, Treasurer



Jack's wife Joan, and the family and friends of Jack Greinke upon his passing.



Church Calendar

May 8	Council Meeting	6:00 pm
May 9	Finance Meeting	6:30 pm
May 17	Outreach Meeting	4:30 pm
Mondays	Food Pantry/Clothing Closet	12:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Wednesdays	Bible Study	2:00 pm
	Midweek Services	1:00 pm & 7:00 pm
Thursdays	Al-Anon Meetings	7:30 pm

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In an Emergency

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