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Serving Our Neighbors  Sharing Our Blessings!

Tell Me Something Good!

Everywhere we turn these days, it feels like the world is asking us to carry more than our share of bad news. We hear about conflict, fear, political turmoil, and the struggles that touch our own bodies and households. I've felt it too. We've heard so many horrible things over the past few months. And in a world like this, it's no wonder our hearts cry out: **Tell me something good!** That cry isn't new. It echoes the voices of Mary the Tower and the other Mary on that first Easter morning. They went to the tomb not expecting resurrection but expecting to tend to death. They go to the tomb to prepare Jesus' body for burial. They were stuck on their failings. They carried grief, disappointment, and fear, just as we do.

But God had already moved the stone. The angel's message was simple and world-shaking: **"He isn't here; he has been raised."** And then came the command: **"Go quickly and tell his disciples."** The good news was not meant to be held quietly. It was meant to be shared, carried, spoken aloud.

Yet even the first witnesses struggled. The women left the tomb with fear and great joy and then Jesus had to tell them again, *"Don't be afraid."* Fear and joy often travel together. Resurrection does not erase our humanity: it transforms it. And still, the call remains: **Go and tell.**

Throughout Lent and into Easter, RLC has been exploring the theme: **Tell me something good.** Week after week, we named the good news that shapes our faith:

- **All are invited.**
- **The good news surprises us.**
- **The good news is love for God and neighbor.**
- **Together, the impossible is possible.**
- **The good news protects the vulnerable.**
- **The good news is justice, mercy, and faithfulness.**
- **The good news inspires us to act.**
- **Even Judas gets his feet washed.**
- **The good news is revealed through non-violence.**

These aren't small claims. They're bold, countercultural, resurrection-shaped truths. They remind us that the gospel isn't merely something we hear; it's something we live.

Sadly, we don't say good news and just let the bad news slide. Sometimes we focus on the bad. We share good news about grandchildren, vacations, or even winning a prize. But when it comes to Jesus, we hesitate. We get stuck on our fears: fear of rejection, fear of awkwardness, fear of being misunderstood.

Easter calls us out of stuck places. The angel didn't say, "Stay here and worship." The angel said, **"Go and tell."** Worship is beautiful and necessary, but it is not the end of our calling. Jesus never said go and build a church and worship me. Jesus' commandment was to go and make disciples.

So here is the good news for us today: **The good news is alive in the world.** Alive in the resilience of this congregation. Alive in the ministries that serve our neighbors. Alive in every act of justice, mercy, courage, and compassion. Alive whenever we choose hope over despair, generosity over fear, and love over indifference.

The good news is alive in the world! Now go and tell it.

-Darryl Thompson Powell

Council Meeting Highlights: March 9, 2026

Pastor's Report: Pr Darryl has completed all Lent services. He was thanked for his dedication to giving the congregation meaningful and inspiring worship services during Lent. He has also been working on getting RLC Food4Life started and running.

Indoor Family Garage Sale 4/25/26: Donations to sell have been coming in. Lauren and Donna Molley are organizing the items and planning logistics for getting items moved and set up at Grant Park. Wayne M, Judi F, and Walter volunteered to help at the event.

Synod Assembly June 5-6: Walter, Sue L, and Pr Darryl will attend.

Annual Community BBQ, June 20: Walter has agreed to be the Team Leader for this year's event. The first team meeting will be on 4/22/26 at 3:15 PM.

Bingo: There is a free ad in People and Places in their Community Calendar. Lauren noted that Bingo doesn't have an official team/committee and asked if there should be one. All were in agreement that there should.

Ideas to Create/Save Revenue: Wayne and Judi F are reaching out to the group that packed the stained-glass windows up to see if they could connect us with a buyer. Henrietta is willing to put our set of chimes up for sale through the same Facebook group that the handbells were posted to. She thinks they could sell for \$1500-\$1900. Council approved letting her proceed.

Clothing Drop Box: Was dropped off 4/3. We have a key to take the items we want to offer in the Clothing Closet. Pickups are on Fridays. The Outreach Committee will be discussing the details on how donations will be managed at their next meeting on 4/15. The income from the clothing will go in General Expenses under Supplemental.

The next Council meeting is May 11, 2026.
Submitted by: Lauren Obrzut



The Indoor Garage Sale April 25 was a success! We're so grateful to everyone who donated items to the sale that took place at Grant Park in Northlake. We sold quite a few items and made \$141. The best part was being out in the community. We saw a few of our Bingo regulars and some RLC members came out as well. We also passed out quite a few Bingo and BBQ flyers. Thanks again to our donors and volunteers!



Beth Silenzi and family upon the passing of her mother, Donna Sell.

Outreach Food4Life Food Pantry/Clothing Closet News

We take pride in bringing food and hope to our neighbors in need.

In the Sunday bulletin we list a food item that the food pantry needs. The item changes each month. The item for May is pasta.

In March the food pantry served 100 families which consisted of 219 adults and 63 children. We welcomed 4 new guests.

We received 70 donations from members, neighbors, companies and another food pantry. God always provides food for our guests. We are truly grateful.

We are so grateful to our volunteers. We have 26 volunteers of which 5 are not members of Resurrection. Our volunteers gave us 269 hours of their time working very hard to make this ministry successful. Everyone is invited to stop in on a Monday morning to see the donated food packaged for our guests.

The Outreach committee is now an advisory committee for the newly formed 501c3 committee: RLC Food4Life.

Financial Summary March 2026

	March	Year to Date
Income:	\$16,883.37	\$32,100.08
Expenses:	(\$11,949.12)	(\$38,270.63)
Income Shortfall:	\$4,934.25	(\$6,170.55)

March results show a gain in our investments of \$263.55. Envelope income was under budget by (\$88.33) for the month & under budget (\$1,865.00) for the year. Expenses were under budget by (\$682.46) for the month & over budget by 375.88 for the year. Our cash position as of 3/31/26 is \$62,695.20 in total cash assets, spread across our Money Market Fund, CD and Checking Account. Of this cash, we have \$49,095.28 to pay church expenses and \$13,599.92 for dedicated accounts. Year to date we have taken \$10,000.00 out of the Money Market fund and transferred to RLCFood4Life (New 501c3). We probably have 10 months before our cash reserves run out. So far, we have made \$131.00 on Bingo and \$1,075.00 on group income this year. This is a total of \$1,206.00 in additional income. Our envelope income year to date is under budget. Continue to watch for ways to give to our ministries!

God Bless. Be Health and Safe.

Wayne Molley, Treasurer



Church Calendar

May 3	Fellowship Hour	11:00 am
May 5	Finance Meeting	6:30 pm
May 11	Council Meeting	6:00 pm
May 19	Bingo	6:30 pm
May 31	Fellowship Hour	11:00 am
Mondays	Food Pantry/Clothing Closet	12:00 pm – 3:00 pm
	Bible Study	2:00 pm
Thursdays	Al-Anon Meetings	6:30 pm

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