



# Resurrection & Life LUTHERAN

mid-month update | May 2020

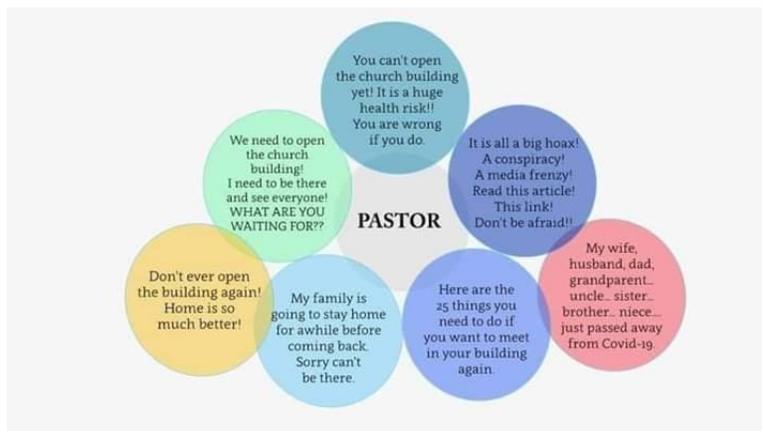


## Church Council Update *(from meeting on May 12, 2020)*

### Note from the Pastors:

While it seems like this coronavirus situation has dragged on and on, it's continually changing, too. New insights, stats, guidelines, and orders have been rolling out at a fairly consistent pace. I'm guessing by the time you read this, things will have changed and that they'll change again by the time our Council meets in June.

All these changes and the wide variety of opinions on everything coronavirus-related have made it difficult to plan. What should do when there's no consensus on the present and the future seems so uncertain? Pastor Limpert (Christ Our Rock) and many others have shared this:



Thankfully, through all the changes, our God remains the same. Through all the chaos, our God is not confused. Through all the heated rhetoric, our God loves perfectly.

Thank you for your faithfulness in prayer, the Word, worship, offerings, and your lives of faith. It is a tremendous encouragement to your pastors, leaders, and fellow Christians.

# Church Council Discussion Summary

- Pastors Report & Worship Update:** Worship online feedback has been good but members are missing the physical meeting together. Pastors are beginning a second round of follow ups with members. These calls are serving as a touch point to assure their physical and spiritual needs are met. We don't know what church life will look like going forward. We might have smaller groups, remote worship, or full service again. We will monitor this closely with local health officials. Members can contact Pastors for communion or other needs
- Life Campus 10 Year Anniversary:** This May marks the 10 year anniversary of the opening of our Life Campus. God has greatly blessed our congregation with the Life Campus. We had wanted to have a special event to mark this occasion; however, with the "Stay at Home" situation, we will delay a formal celebration until we are able to worship together once again.
- Next Fiscal Year Budget Planning:** Council discussed budget for next fiscal year. The proposed budget will once again include a 3<sup>rd</sup> pastor. The Council also reviewed options for various policy changes on Called Worker compensation, plus discussed potential spending adjustments for next fiscal year. These changes will need to be approved by Voters. When congregations will be able to once again meet in person, the Council will set a date for an official Voters' meeting. Fiscal Year Budget proposal will be share in the coming weeks.
- Pastor Calls:** We continue to put on hold any open calls for now. The general feeling from Council is to wait until the Covid-19 restrictions are lifted.
- Youth Confirmation:** Confirmands will present to the Elders and parents. This presentation will be via Zoom due to the Covid-19 restrictions are lifted. In lieu of the stay at home orders, we will allow the confirmands to commune with us. Typically, this is allowed after the confirmation Sunday's affirmation. There will be plans to perform this affirmation once we are able to meet physically once again.

## Financial Update

Date Range 7/1/2019 - 4/30/2020	Budget	Actuals	Difference	Highlights & Notes:
<b>Unified Budget Income:</b>				
Church Offerings	846,126	868,504	22,378	• Offerings came in higher than expected which results in 2.6% higher than budget.
Grants/Donations/Financial Aid	44,300	65,795	21,495	
School Tuition & Affiliate Support	400,802	345,185	(55,616)	
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	1,291,228	1,279,484	(11,744)	• Budget now reflects no 3 <sup>rd</sup> Pastor due to vacancy and no Learning Center Director for this current fiscal year.
<b>Unified Budget Expense:</b>				
Compensation	942,435	933,676	8,759	• At the end of April, we paid off the \$35,000 Line of Credit.
WELS Mission	84,613	86,850	(2,238)	
Operations & Expenses	268,185	259,852	8,333	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	1,295,233	1,280,378	14,855	• Overall operations expenses down due to limited facilities usage
<b>Net Income/Loss</b>	<b>(4,005)</b>	<b>(894)</b>	<b>3,111</b>	• Received \$195,694 PPP Loan as a result of the federal CARE Act. The congregation will be able to use for payroll and utilities over a 8 week period.
Debt Reducation/Capital Imp		37,696		
Reserve Account		6,305		
Church Project Funds		30,008		
School Non-UB Account		14,636		
Restricted Funds		204,655		
Line of Credit		0		

*Thank you to all members for your continued giving over the past month!*