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The Connection

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To call all people to a vibrant life of faith in Christ

Memorial Service for Gary Seedorf

One of our newest members, Gary Seedorf, passed away this week. His wife Sharon and daughter Ann Behnken and family, are members of Resurrection also. His memorial service will be at Resurrection on Friday, May 26. Visitation begins at 1pm and the service begins at 2pm. Our prayers are with the family.

Outdoor Worship Begins Sunday

Memorial Day weekend is a time to honor those who gave their lives in service to our country. We lift our prayers for all who serve, sacrifice, and remember.

This weekend holds other traditions and at Resurrection, this Sunday begins the season of outdoor worship. The 9am worship celebration is always indoors, and weather permitting, 10:30 worship is in the beautiful and shaded outdoor area behind the church building. Limited parking is available for those who require it via access to the farm from Woodbury Drive. Children remain with families during outdoor worship; Angel Haven and Sunday School are not scheduled during the summer at 10:30. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy this casual setting. Hosting both indoor and outdoor worship requires a variety of extra helping hands; please consider serving in any of the following areas this summer:

[Set up/take down](#)

[Sound Team](#)

[Greeter/Usher/Refreshment Host](#)

[Summer Sunday School](#)

God meets us wherever we are . . . indoors, outdoors, and in different stages of each faith journey. See you Sunday!

Letter from Pastor Paul

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise.

¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

James 5:13-16

Just like a healthy family, who can be honest with each other and hold each other's needs with tenderness and respect, our church community seeks to be healthy, holding each other's needs with tenderness and respect too.



James lays out for us how we can be that healthy community, in the name of Jesus meeting the very real needs of all of us. We do come together in community to sing songs when we are cheerful. That's awesome. But the truth is that so many of us come to this community, singing cheerful songs when we really are not cheerful. We are suffering. We are sick and we act cheerful because that's what we think we have to do. It's called the "Fake Happy Christian Syndrome". And the symptoms are disconnection from community, a shallow spiritual life and the wrong belief that somehow God wants you to suffer. Ok, so I made the syndrome name up, but the symptoms are still the same. What God is calling us to do is be honest with ourselves and our community. So, yes, if you are cheerful, sing, that's healthy. But if you are sick, if you are suffering, we are a community that is waiting, expecting, to pray with and for you and that is healthy too.

But you may be wondering about all that anointing with oil business. In Jesus' time they were talking about olive oil and it was considered to have healing properties and was considered to be a pleasant experience. However, you can rest assured that if you fill out a Prayer Card, send that email, come to the 5-minute meeting, or meet with our prayer ministers, we don't have a jug of olive oil that we're going to dump all over you. The oil we'll anoint you with is a caring and listening conversation, connection to a small group of people that will hold your needs with tenderness and respect, and real physical help in the form of food, clothing and other assistance.

We are church, your needs are welcome here.

May MLT Update

The May real estate tax/assessment of \$12,600 was paid. Also the line of credit balance of \$3,000 was paid in full in May. A mid-year report will be given to the congregation during a Sunday morning in early June.

April Financial Picture			
Thank you for your generosity as we put our resources to work in the kingdom of God.			
Income	\$55,180	YTD Income	\$208,675
Expenses	\$44,800	YTD Expenses	\$193,000

We reviewed the Office Assistant job description, revised with the addition of some bookkeeping duties. The position will be re-titled Business Coordinator. The job opening is now posted online at Resurrection's website and at the St. Paul Area Synod website. Dana Hansen has submitted his resignation as Treasurer. Thank you Dana for serving in this role! The Treasurer is an elected position, therefore the MLT will appoint someone for the remainder of this year and then be voted on at the annual meeting. Please contact Pastor Paul or Su Sorenson if you are interested in serving in this way.

Submitted by: Su Sorenson, MLT president

Upcoming Events: (for more, visit Resurrection's [website](#))

Office closed Memorial Day, May 29
Summer Stretch Parent Meeting, May 31, 6pm