



Alaska Synod COVID-19 Relief Fund

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Amount requested	<u>\$1,500.00</u>

Application Questions

1.) How has the COVID-19 pandemic affected your congregation's financial situation?

Resurrection Lutheran Church (RLC), even before the COVID-19 pandemic, was expecting a challenging year in meeting its budget goals and obligations. We had planned on addressing those challenges through a combination of stewardship drives and community outreach (through support our programs, such as the RLC Food Pantry). However, the COVID-19 pandemic severely impacted stewardship (eliminating gains made in FY Q1) and putting additional demands on the RLC Food Pantry (the largest in Juneau feeding 150 to 200 individuals and families each week). Also, various community groups have used space at RLC for years. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have lost all of their contributions this year.

2.) Please explain your congregation's financial need in the next two months, including immediate funding needs.

The congregation was the first (on 3/22) in Juneau to react to the State's mandate closing worship gatherings, by live streaming our worship services from the sanctuary. We have continued to do so since then and we are currently in the process of a major upgrade of our production capabilities. We have started live-streaming in high-definition with eight cameras, eight-track/48-channel audio, six-person production staff and five-person worship team. We had anticipated renting these production capabilities to others in the community this year (as many performing organizations in Juneau rehearses or performs at RLC), including our video editing suite, eight-track recording studio and event video conferencing. However, these plans are on hold as most organizations are not expected to restart public activities until next year. In the interim, the congregation is focusing on sharing its streaming worship service both on the internet and local radio with those outside the congregation who cannot attend church during the COVID-19 pandemic. We believe we have created a unique online worship experience (similar to the National Cathedral Episcopal service from Washington DC, which has about 12,000 viewers/week) and the congregation council have decided to promote our streaming worship service.

Other than an existing three-mic sound reinforcement system in the sanctuary, all the equipment (about \$50,000 in value) necessary to streaming worship service is on loan or has been donated by congregation members. However, in order to meet our streaming worship service production equipment needs, we will have to spend about \$1,500 (including an additional audio mixing board, studio microphones for additional musicians, stage monitor/amplifier and necessary shipping to Juneau).

- 3.) Please list total offerings received (not designated gifts) or program-specific funding for May-July 2019 and May-July 2020.

May 2019 \$15,348.73

May 2020 \$15,113.00

June 2019 \$17,902.88

June 2020 \$15,025.00

July 2019 \$17,591.02

July 2020 \$13,823.20

- 4.) Has your congregation applied for the federal Payroll Protection Plan (PPP)? Have you been approved? If you have not applied, do you intend to do so?

We are planning on applying for a CARES Grant through the Juneau Community Foundation (JCF) or will apply under the PPP, next fiscal quarter.

- 5.) How have you communicated the financial need to your congregation?

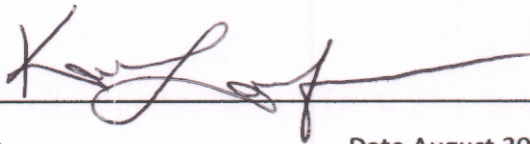
We have done so during congregational meetings in February and in July. We have sent stewardship letters and targeted emails to the congregation. Additionally, we have had regular temple talks by congregational members during worship.

- 6.) What other sources of funding have you explored?

We have applied for, and received, grants for the RLC Food Pantry this year.

I certify that I am authorized by the congregational council to apply for this fund.

Signature (may be typed)



Title Congregation President

Date August 30, 2020

Date of council vote to apply for Synod COVID-19 relief fund August 12, 2020

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