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We are an inviting community of faith where we care for all.

He Carried His Cross . . .

Teaching us there will be crosses to carry,
but with God—the cross will be lighter.



He Sacrificed It All . . .

Teaching us there will be sacrifices to be made,
but with God— we can do all things.





Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Holy Week is upon us. During Holy Week and the days leading up to Easter Day, our worship is a bit different in format and dramatic as we are invited to walk with Jesus to the Cross and to witness again the Death and Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I hope that you will want to share these Holy Days with all of us here at Resurrection.

We begin with the Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday, April 2, with our 10:00 A.M. worship. We begin in at our entrance where we will bless Palms, hear the reading of Christ's journey into Jerusalem and then process into the sanctuary while singing "All Glory, Laud and Honor." During worship we will hear the Passion of our Lord according to Saint Matthew. There are several speaking parts and we as a congregation, will be the crowd. If you'd like a speaking part, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. If you sign up for a speaking part, there will be a little booklet with your speaking part highlighted. You will pick it up that morning. As we read the Passion, we will sing hymns.

We gather at 7:00 P.M. on Maundy Thursday for Holy Eucharist and worship. This worship service will include Holy Communion and conclude with stripping the Altar, a visual reminder to us of the humiliation of Jesus at the hands of his captor's. It also reminds us that Christ knows rejection, pain, and suffering, because he experiences all of those. Our Lord Jesus knows and understands first hand what we experience in our lives.

Our worship continues at 7:00 P.M. on Good Friday. In our Worship we will hear the Passion of Our Lord according to Saint John. Again, there are several speaking parts and the congregation is the crowd. If you'd like a speaking part, please sign up. Just like Palm Sunday, there will be a booklet for you with your speaking part highlighted. And, we'll sing hymns as we read the Passion.

Earlier in the day, at 3:00 P.M. you are invited to participate in the "Way of the Cross." This is a day time opportunity for you to walk with Jesus on his journey to the cross. We gather at the church for this worship.

On Easter Day at 10:00 A.M. we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord with Holy Communion, festive worship, beautiful Easter Lilies and a full tummy from the delicious breakfast prepared and served for us by the Men's Group. Breakfast is at 8:45 A.M.

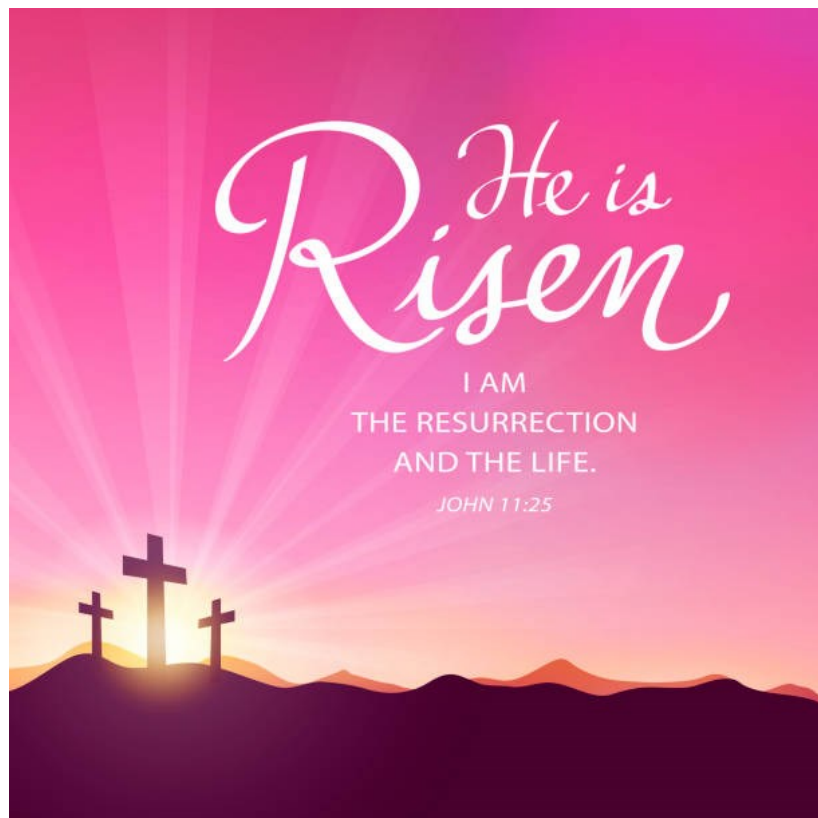
In the midst of sadness and change and following the passing of dear members Priscilla and Jeanette and saying “good bye” to Dr Harvey Chiles, our congregation will rejoice to hear the Good News promise of Christ’s resurrection and victory over death. For us as people of Christ, death is swallowed up in life. Death is not the final word, for Christ is Risen! God’s love for us is eternal and never ending.

Later in the week, I leave for the Smokey Mountains, a trip my cousin and I have had planned for nearly a year. Although I am away, I am available to you 24/7. If there is anything I can do for you, please call me or send a text. My phone is always “on,” and I’m happy to hear from you anytime. This is true always, not just while I’m away.

Me and my little grey cat, Lilly send you all good wishes for a Blessed Lent, Happy Easter and a Joyous Spring.

In Christ,

Pastor Jan

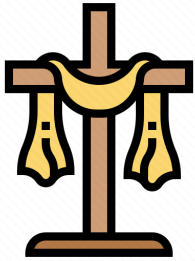


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News & Updates

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Lenten & Easter Services



- Palm Sunday Service April 2nd @ 10am.
 - Maundy Thursday Service April 6th @ 7 pm.
 - Stations of the Cross April 7th @ 3 pm.
 - Good Friday Service April 7th @ 7 pm.
 - Easter Service April 9th @ 10 am
- Easter Breakfast begins at 8:30 am.*

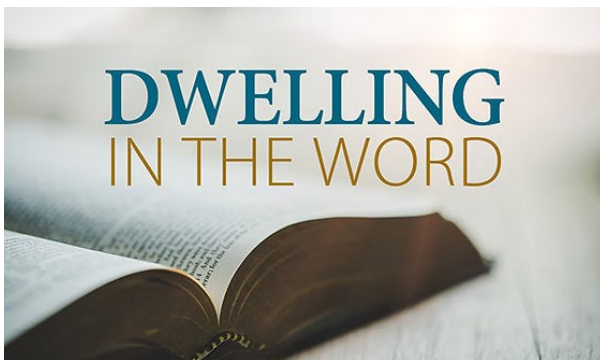
*Easter Breakfast will be prepared by the men's Club. Please sign up if you plan to attend and the number in your party. There is a signup sheet in the narthex. **If possible we can use deserts.** Please advise if you plan to bring a desert. Members who can help cook please call Dan Garner 618-792-1777*



My appreciation to all of you for your wonderful congregational singing and your active participation in the Advent and Lenten Prayer Services. I begin my new position at the Church of the Master in Florissant, Missouri the week after Easter. In addition, I will be teaching private lessons in the church and also in my home studio here in Alton.

Blessings to all of you as your journey continues.

Harvey



Dwelling in the Word is back !

Mondays, 2-3 pm, with Pastor Jan leading

Join us April 3, 10 and 24

we will not meet on April 17



Please join us as we celebrate the life of our beloved Jeanette Belfield on Saturday, May 6 at 11:00 am at Resurrection Lutheran Church. Join her family in honoring and remembering the beautiful life of one of our most charming senior parishioners.

Worship Committee

The Worship Committee met on March 5 and we were joined by Pastor Jan. We finalized the remaining plans for Holy Week. Palm Sunday Service will be April 2nd and we will be distributing palms. Maundy Thursday will start at 7:00 pm on April 6th. Stations of the Cross will start at 3:00 pm on Good Friday, April 7th. The Stations of the Cross will be on the walls of the Sanctuary. There will be a booklet to follow each Station. We discussed maybe leaving the Stations of the Cross up and having a monthly opportunity to visit them. This will be a discussion after Easter. The Good Friday Service will start at 7:00 pm that evening and we will have congregational participation. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for the various parts. Please consider participating.

I am sure that most of you have already heard that Rod and I have resigned from the Worship Committee as of Easter. These past four years have been a pleasure, but it is time to let someone else serve. We would like to thank the committee, Carol C., Harvey, Robin, Elyse and Ruth for all of their hard work and dedication. We also thank all of those who do the readings and prayers weekly. Our final thank you goes to Pastor Pierce for starting the Worship Committee. Because of him and the Callahans, we were able to keep Resurrection alive during the Covid shut down.

Worship Committee

Cheryl & Rod Margherio, Robin Lusardi, Carol Callahan, Harvey Chiles,
Elyse Tillman & Ruth Wolter



- Easter breakfast will be prepared by the Men's Club, Sunday, April 9. Breakfast starts at 8:30. A sign-up has been placed in the narthex if you are able to assist.
- The Men's Club will meet Thursday, April 13 at 6:00 pm in Young Hall. BBQ dinner to follow.



Dan Garner 618-792-1777

Social Ministry

Below, you will find additional updates and news from our Social Ministry Team not already highlighted as upcoming events and/or projects seen throughout the newsletter.

(1)



Illinois Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-25-ABUSE (252-2873)

The Madison County Child Advocacy Center (CAC) provides professional intervention and supportive services to fight child abuse. Most importantly, the CAC provides a safe haven for children to talk about the physical or sexual abuse they may have experienced and to help in limiting the number of times a child has to be interviewed. Before the CAC opened, a child who was a victim or witnessed a violent crime would often be interviewed by 8 to 12 different people before the case went to trial. Because of the CAC, abused children no longer have to endure such a strenuous interviewing process and authorities are better able to prosecute abuse cases.

Mark your calendar! A tour of this child-focused facility is scheduled for Friday, April 28, 2023 from 8:00 am – 9:00 am. We will have the opportunity to meet the team of forensic interviewers and case managers, step inside the forensic interview and waiting rooms, and learn first-hand how the Madison County child Advocacy Center fights to end child abuse in our community every day. Please RSVP to Sharon Groh.

We can't protect our kids (or others' kids) from every evil or bad choice. That's why prayer is vital! *"When He comes, He will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment."* (NIV) John 16:8

Ziploc Bags (Quart and Gallon Size) will be collected from April 1- 23, 2023. See the marked box in the Narthex. Donations will be delivered to the Center on April 28th.



(2)

“Graceful Nails Senior Ministry” to be held monthly at Evergreen Place Supportive Living, Alton. Resurrection volunteers will meet at the facility on April 22, 2023 at 1:45 pm in the Activity Room (ask for directions at the front desk). Volunteers will provide conversation, basic nail color removal (if needed) and nail painting, plus gentle hand massage for residents. The number of residents served will depend upon what we have time for between 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Residents will sign up through the Activity Director.

Residents of this facility experience various stages of memory loss and/or significant physical health limitations. Tender touch and a sense of style are meaningful to seniors. Elderly residents have likely outlived their spouses and benefit from human interaction in their day-to-day schedules.

A “rehearsal” is scheduled for Sunday, April 16th at 11:00 a.m. Light lunch to be provided. We will:

- pray for this ministry and those involved;
- review volunteer expectations and procedures;
- determine supply needs; and
- practice polishing nails and gentle hand massage.



Volunteer sign-up sheet with a supply donation list on the Bulletin Board in Young Hall hallway.

(3)

Rescheduled (postponed due to illness) Bread for the World Offering of Letters. New date is Sunday, April 23, 2023 at 8:45 a.m. in Young Hall.

The 2023 Farm Bill is our nation’s most important national food system legislation. It is critical to the work of ending hunger at home and abroad. The Farm Bill impacts each one of us. Examples of legislation support needed to help build healthy, equitable, and sustainable food systems include:

- Increase access to fresh fruits and vegetables by increasing support for produce-specific Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits in the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program (GusNIP). This provides resources on top of monthly SNAP benefits for the purchase of fresh fruits and vegetables, primarily at farmers’ markets, for a limited number of households.
- Permitting indigenous communities to administer SNAP and other federal nutrition programs on reservations.
- Keep food out of landfills by increasing support for post-harvest food recovery efforts and addressing the threat to food security posed by extreme weather.



breadfortheworld
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

We will increase our understanding of the many domestic programs dealing with hunger funded by the Farm Bill and why Christians are called upon to help educate members of Congress. We will be writing letters (samples available) to our members of Congress. Names and addresses of Illinois representatives and senators will be provided, along with paper, pens and envelopes.

(4)

Crisis Food Center is a non-profit food pantry assisting people regardless of zip code.
Food pantry service hours: Mon-Fri 1-3 pm. (618) 462-8201.

Volunteer opportunities are available to help sort food, pack bags, load items into vehicles or work in the clothing store.

Needed items to replenish pantry stock:

- Single serve items for seniors and persons who are unhoused
- Canned fruit and canned meat (pop-top open easier, if available)
- Ramen noodles
- Peanut Butter
- Instant flaked potatoes
- Oatmeal
- Vegetables



Crisis Food Center at 21 East 6th Street, Alton, IL

(5)

Thank you to those who continue to provide children's' shoes and school supplies for Gilson Brown Elementary.

Gilson Brown is educating 225 students, most of whom live in low-income housing with families in poverty. A display and drop-off box will be located in the narthex. The following items would be much appreciated by teachers, nursing staff, and administration to help the children:

- Crayons
- Glue Sticks
- Expo Fine Tip Dry Erase Markers
- Underwear (new only) for boys and girls
- Unisex Sweat Pants (clean, used are acceptable). Gray, Blue, or Black. Sizes 4-5, 6-7, or 7-8.
- Girls Black Leggings (new or used)
- Tennis Shoes for Boys or Girls. Size 13 or One. (new or used)
- Ruled Easel Pads for teachers/para-educators



God's Blessings,
Sharon Groh
404-432-3942 (text or call)

Current members: Sharon Groh, Mark Groh, Ann & David Isringhausen, Judy Kelley, and Carol Garner.

Ziplock Bag Drive

As part of our continued outreach and education of the services provided by the Madison County Child Advocacy Center (CAC), we will be collecting **Ziploc Bags (Quart and Gallon Size) April 1- 23, 2023**. The center uses these type of bags and has a need for more. There will be a marked drop-off box in the Narthex. Donations will be delivered to the Center on April 28th.

Thanks, Sharon Groh
402-432-3942



Youth Programs

The Resurrection's Men's Group is again sponsoring two teams for the Godfrey Park & Recreation summer programs. The boys' baseball team being sponsored is Brayden Broche's team. A girls' softball team is also being sponsored. Schedules will be posted/shared soon, so members have opportunities to cheer on our teams in Resurrection T-shirts while meeting the players and their parents.

Most of the \$600 cost to sponsor these teams came from contributions for the digital sign exceeding the cost of the sign. The Men's Group has begun accepting contributions for a defibrillator and CPR project. Again, if contributions exceed the cost of this program, the monies will be used for youth programs.

Thanks, Bill Stoutenborough



Guest Musician Fund

There is an on-going opportunity to help Resurrection provide special musical enhancements to our worship. It is called the Guest Musician Fund. You can contribute towards this fund at any time by dropping a check in the offering plate marked "Music Fund" or going online to the link found within the donate tab.

If you enjoyed the enhanced music during the Christmas Season, with brass, cellos and a soloist, just remember that these extras came at a weighty cost.

If music ministry is your passion, and you would like to see more guests throughout the year, we encourage you to make a gift of any size at any time to grow this fund add to our celebration of Christ's love for us and the world.



Resurrection's light shines for the community . . .

In February, the Men's Group constructed and painted a large 12-foot cross to be displayed outdoors during the season of Lent, through Pentecost. It will be erected on the north side of the church, in the same place the silhouette of the manger scene stood. It will be lighted at night and adorned with a purple cloth throughout the season. Please consider driving by some evening to see how Resurrection's light shines for the community.

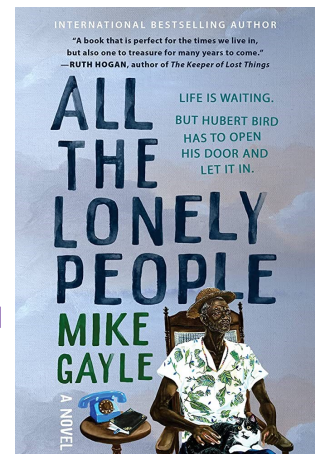
Bill Stoutenborough and the Men's Club



Book Club

Elyse Tillman will be our discussion leader for our April 13th meeting. Her book choice is **All the Lonely People** by **Mike Gayle**. It is available at the library, copies do seem to be limited, consider sharing with a friend or return it as soon as read. Enjoy your read, you will find it interesting. Anyone interested in joining our group is welcome. Mark your calendar for **April 13th, 6:30 pm at Resurrection Lutheran Church**.

Summary: "Life is waiting to happen to Hubert Bird. But first he has to open his front door and let it in. In weekly phone calls to his daughter in Australia, widower Hubert Bird paints a picture of *the* perfect retirement, packed with fun, friendship, and fulfilment. But he's lying. *The* truth is day after day drags by without him seeing a single soul. Until he receives some good news - good news that in one way turns out to be *the* worst news ever, news that will force him out again, into a world he has long since turned his back on. Now Hubert faces a seemingly impossible task: to make his real life resemble his fake life before *the* truth comes out. Along *the* way Hubert stumbles across a second chance at love, renews a cherished friendship, and finds himself roped into an audacious community scheme that seeks to end loneliness once and for *all* . . . Life is certainly beginning to happen to Hubert Bird. But with *the* origin of his earlier isolation always lurking in *the* shadows, will he ever get to live *the* life he's pretended to have for so long?"-- Provided by publisher.



Thanks,
Ruth Wolter 618-433-1469



Lap Robes & Prayer Shawls

Prayer Shawls and Lap Robes are available for anyone you may know in need of comfort at a difficult time in their life, just to let them know someone does care. Whether it is an illness, loss of a loved one, bad circumstances or knowing they could use some TLC. The recipient does not have to be a member of our church, **we care for all!** . On Sundays see Sherry Wyatt or Ruth Wolter, who will be happy to assist you. Or, you can call Ruth at home, 618-433-1469 who will be happy to meet you at the church for assistance.



We recently changed the church e-mail address.

The new address is: rlcelca23@gmail.com

*PLEASE DELETE THE OLD EMAIL ADDRESS IN YOUR SAVED CONTACTS,
AS WE WILL NO LONGER BE CHECKING THAT INBOX !*



Church services will continue to be live streamed each week.

We are streaming to our Facebook page, the church website, YouTube, Riverbender.com, Riverbender's FB page and Riverbender.com TV (available through ROKU and Firestick). These

efforts are made possible via Riverbender.com (The fee is \$50/week). Thank you to the camera operators who are helping continue our ministry. **Any additional volunteers would be greatly appreciated.**



- 4 Jonathan Vick
Kevin Vick
- 5 Kay Tucker
- 10 Rod Margherio
Kolten Kinzel
- 11 Audrey Rhea
- 20 Jill Allen
- 24 Mike Tillman
- 26 Sandy Bagwill
Bev Steinfeldt

HAPPY
Wedding
ANNIVERSARY

- 8 David & Ann Isringhausen
- 16 James & Vivian Heinemann

If you didn't see your name listed for a Birthday or Anniversary in 2022, please email Neal Booth to be added. Thanks.

FINANCIAL STATUS – February 2023

DEDICATED FUNDS BALANCE	\$56,218.03
GENERAL FUNDS CASH FLOW	(\$987.58)
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	\$15,864.89

	<u>2/1/2023 - 2/28/2023</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS DETAIL		
Income		
Offering	\$8,220.02	\$23,634.15
Lenten Offering	\$95.00	\$95.00
Other Income	\$243.81	\$807.42
Total General Fund Income	\$8,558.83	\$24,536.57
Expenses		
Benevolence	\$305.00	\$580.00
Building and Grounds	\$1,503.20	\$3,084.96
Christian Education	\$0.00	\$0.00
Church Mortgage	\$2,608.00	\$5,216.00
Evangelism	\$394.77	\$394.77
Insurance	\$405.00	\$810.00
Office	\$664.10	\$1,271.91
Personnel Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00
Personnel Salaries	\$3,466.34	\$5,917.61
Social Ministry	\$0.00	\$0.00
Stewardship Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00
Worship	\$200.00	\$434.50
Total General Fund Expenses	\$9,546.41	\$17,709.75
General Funds Cash Flow	(\$987.58)	\$6,826.82



There was a reduction in offering because one parishioner paid twice in January by mistake, and therefore didn't donate in February. We also had several one-time expenses. The Dedicated Funds changed primarily due to paying off the copier.

April 2023

Sun

Mon

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Fri

Sat

Rev. Jan S. Worms gracious@midwest.net Office Hours by appointment						1
2 Bible Study 8:45a Worship 10am	3 Dwelling in the Word 2pm	4 Scouts 7pm	5	6	7 Young Hall in Use 10a-12p	8
9 Easter Breakfast 8:30 am Easter Service 10 am	10 Young Hall in Use 10a-1p Dwelling in the Word 2pm	11 Scouts 7pm	12	13 Men's Club @ 6:00 at church Book Club @ 6:30 at church	14	15
16 Bible Study 8:45a Worship 10am	17 Young Hall in Use 9a-1p	18 Scouts 7pm Church Council 7pm	19	20	21	22 Evergreen Nail Painting 1:45p Newsletter Deadline 10AM
23 Bible Study 8:45a Bread for Life Demo 8:45 Wor- ship 10am	24 Dwelling in the Word 2pm	25 Scouts 7pm	26	27	28 Child Advocacy Center Tour 8am	29
30 Bible Study 8:45a Worship 10am						

May 30th is 5th Tuesday Soup's
on at 1st Presbyterian, 10:30 am



Rev. Jan S. Worms, Interim

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