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



The world may drag you down  
*a hundred times*  
but GOD will always be there to lift you up  
*a thousand times*

“Have I not commanded you?  
Be strong and courageous.  
Do not be afraid;  
do not be discouraged,  
for the Lord your God  
will be with you wherever you go.”  
Joshua 1:9



## The World May Drag You Down

The world may drag you down  
Perhaps easily a hundred times  
But God will be there to lift you up  
Moreover than a thousand times

The world may drag you down  
In its crazy heartless high  
But keep in mind God's love  
You're the apple of His eye

Nothing surprises God Almighty  
He's aware of our situation  
Think it not strange  
He endured our oppositions

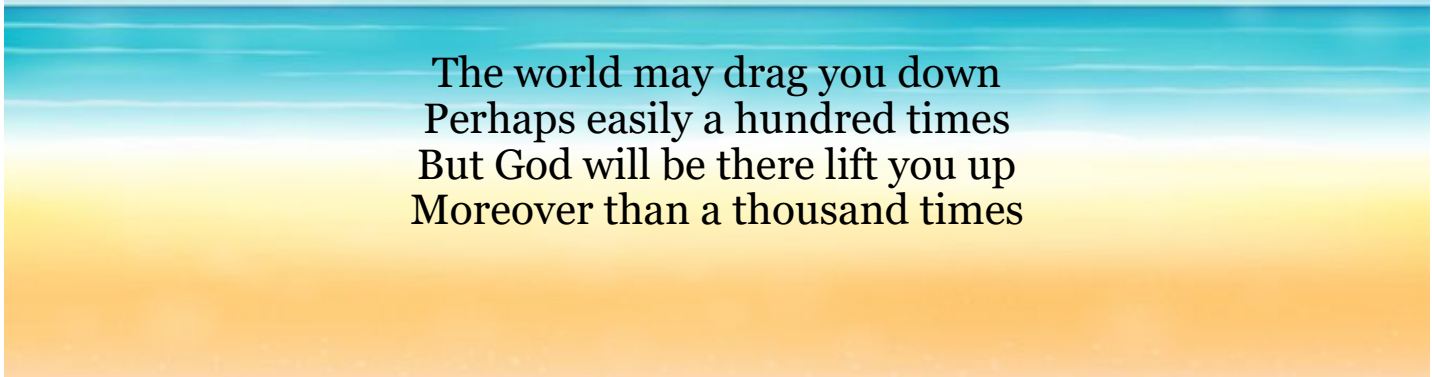


The world may drag you down  
Tho' they can't keep you there  
God will raise you up  
your heart be of good cheer



Nothing surprises God Almighty  
See the world through His eyes  
He ceases our foes and  
Silences their foolish pride

Nothing dare cross the schemes  
Of the perfect Father's design  
You bear His marks in your body  
You're of His divine blood line



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It's an exciting time for us at Resurrection as we eagerly await more news about our Pastoral nominee. I encourage you to pray for our candidate, Call Committee, Council and our church. Please plan to attend our quarterly Congregation Meeting after church on August 13. This is an opportunity for you to ask questions, express thoughts and opinions and share some fellowship time over a light lunch. The Worship Committee will invite your thought about our Communion practices, too.

Elsewhere in our newsletter you'll find information about our upcoming Book Fair, also August 13, and other activities in August.

Dwelling in the Word will not meet Monday, August 14. My 101 year old aunt Pat died peacefully last week and my family will be gathering for her memorial on that day. I think my whole family will be attending, including my cousins from Perth, Australia, Washington DC, San Diego, Milwaukee and North Little Rock, Arkansas. My aunt was the last survivor of her generation. For me and my cousins, we are now the "elders" and it seems as though that "status" has arrived far too soon!

Enjoy your Summer. Good wishes to you this end of Summertime from me and my little grey cat, Lilly.

Peace to you and yours,  
Pastor Jan







## News & Updates



### Gilson Brown Elementary School (PK-2) School Supply Drive

School is back in session August 18, 2023! Resurrection Lutheran will continue our long tradition of partnering with our neighborhood elementary school. Supplies are needed throughout the school year.

*Donations may be placed in the dedicated Social Committee Basket*

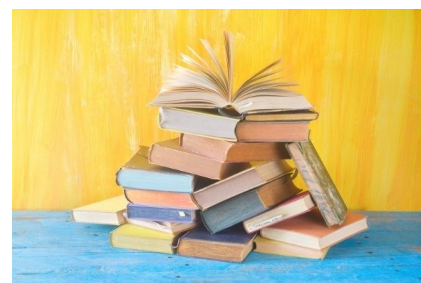


**List from Alton Public Schools PK-2**

<b>Mrs. JoAnne Curvey, Principal</b>	<b>1613 W Delmar Ave, Godfrey</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• backpack/book bag – no rolling backpacks</li><li>• #2 sharpened pencils</li><li>• glue sticks</li><li>• bottle white glue – no gel or glitter</li><li>• 24 count Crayola crayons</li><li>• blunt tip scissors, Fiskars preferred</li><li>• family size tissues</li><li>• school/pencil box, 5x8</li><li>• bottle hand sanitizer (girls)</li><li>• tub-style box wet wipes (boys)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 8-10 ct. washable markers, Crayola preferred</li><li>• dry erase markers</li><li>• 12-inch ruler with centimeters</li><li>• yellow highlighter</li><li>• colored pencils</li><li>• wide-ruled spiral notebooks</li><li>• three-prong pocket folders, solid colors (plastic)</li><li>• large pink erasers</li><li>• dry erase markers</li><li>• Clorox wipes</li></ul>

### Used Book Fair/Recycling

Resurrection has decided to finally part ways with the boxes and boxes of old green hymnals taking up valuable space in both the Pastor's office and Young Hall. Kurtis, a friend of Pastor Worms will be assisting us with this task. The hymnals will be going to Half Price Books in St. Charles to be sold, repurposed and/or recycled. If you would like to do a little purging at home as well, you are invited to drop off additional books in Young Hall by Sunday, August 13. You may also shop amongst the donated books.



**Our next quarterly meeting will be August 13, following worship.**

A light lunch will be served. These quarterly meetings have been very successful in providing members a chance to voice their opinions, concerns and ideas. More are encouraged to attend and join the fellowship.



## Social Ministry

*Below, you will find insightful news from our Social Ministry Team on ways to support our Community via donations, volunteering and more.*

(1)

### Riverbend Family Ministries

The Social Ministry Team's July Community Resource visit was to Riverbend Family Ministries (144 E Ferguson Ave, Wood River). The congregation was invited to tour the facility that houses nine small non-profit organizations under one roof. This faith-based organization does not receive any state or federal funds. Instead, donations and grants are used to provide many collaborative tools, aiding families and individuals in becoming self-sufficient. Programs concentrate holistic efforts on children, youth and families who've experienced trauma, most often due to violence, addiction, poverty and homelessness. Read more at [riverbendfamilyministries.com](http://riverbendfamilyministries.com).



Donations of children's arts and crafts supplies to help with trauma therapy would be appreciated.

(2)

### **ROAR (Reach Out and Read)**

Have you considered God may be calling you to help a young child with their reading skills? Older adults also benefit from reading with children. Many studies report reading is linked with a number of positive outcomes including enhanced memory retention, sharper decision-making skills, stress reduction, better sleep, and even the delayed onset of Alzheimer's and dementia. Not to mention the fact that it's pleasurable, too.

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Tuesday, Thursday, Friday



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Alton Crisis Food Center

Alton Crisis Food Center has had several deliveries from Resurrection members bringing Community Garden produce. **However, there is still a huge need for staples: breakfast bars, canned meat, pasta, canned beans, and peanut butter.**

Donations can be placed in the food barrel in the narthex at any time. Thank you for your generosity.



(3)  
“God’s Work. Our Hands.”

This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.

The Social Ministry Team, Faithful Innovations and the Worship Committee are partnering to have a coordinated Day of Service that begins with worship and continues through activities and lunch. We will be packaging and delivering cookies and fruit to area service organizations for staff recognition and appreciation. Some deliveries will continue on Monday. The Faithful Innovations Team will also be decorating the Teacher’s Lounge at Gilson Brown Elementary School and in addition to the food, we will be delivering school supply donations. Watch for event details in the coming weeks.



(4)  
Greeting Card Ministry

Thank you to everyone who has shared greeting cards. We continue to send messages of hope and remembrance to members and friends of Resurrection Lutheran Church. If you would like to share in this ministry, please contact Sharon Groh at (402) 432-3942



(5)  
Madison County Child Advocacy Center

The Mission of the Madison County Child Advocacy Center is to provide a professional and child-friendly environment to assist in the investigation of allegations of child abuse, provide access to services and treatment for victims and their families and raise awareness within the community. One of the key team components are Forensic Interviews.

Forensic Interviews create an environment that provides a child the opportunity to talk to a trained professional regarding what the child has experienced or knows that resulted in a concern about abuse. The purpose of a forensic interview is to obtain a statement from a child, in a developmentally and culturally sensitive, unbiased and fact-finding manner that will support accurate and fair decision making by the involved criminal justice and child protection systems. The Madison County Child Advocacy Center employs specially trained forensic interviewers to provide child-focused, developmentally appropriate and culturally sensitive forensic interviews.

Thank you!

Sharon Groh 404-432-3942 (text or call)

Current members: Sharon Groh, Mark Groh, David & Ann Isringhausen.

***Additional ministry volunteers are encouraged to listen to where God may be calling you to help. One time volunteers are always welcome.***



Attention Soup's On volunteers!

We host 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday **Soup's On** at First Presbyterian Church on August 29<sup>th</sup> and again on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Please watch your e-mail for further information. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Janet.

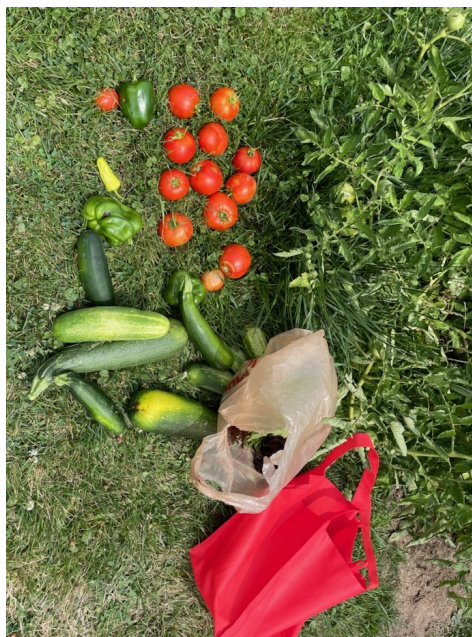
Thanks, Janet Broche



## Community Garden

Sunshine, water, good seeds, and God's blessings make for a bountiful harvest. Such is the case with the Community Garden. We have been routinely donating the following vegetables to the Alton Crisis Food Center: lettuce, cauliflower, broccoli, green beans, zucchini, tomatoes, cucumbers, and both spaghetti and butternut squash; with plenty more growing.

We need volunteers to water, weed, and harvest. If you can help even once with this summer ministry to address local hunger, please contact Mark Groh [markgroh709@gmail.com](mailto:markgroh709@gmail.com) for the schedule.





# Highlight's from Church Council – July

## REPORTS

• **Treasurer's Report:** Total offering was up this past month to \$14,063.07. Total income was \$14,364.85. We have a parishioner who pays quarterly accounting for the bump. Total expenses were \$11,113.02, including \$438.87 for worship supplies, \$84.43 for two months of water and \$106.84 for an annual renewal of Microsoft Office 365. A payment of \$8,000 will be applied towards the remaining balance of our audio/visual upgrades. We are still waiting on wireless microphones to be delivered before that bill will be paid in full.

• **Pastor's Report:** Pastor will be out of town the first weekend of August for a wedding. She will be transferring her membership to Resurrection and the necessary paperwork has already been submitted to ELCA. Feedback on communion distribution continues to be heard, some saying they like the table style, others saying it has added extra time to our service. Council and Pastor decided to have a congregational vote in August at our next quarterly meeting to select the preferred method until a new pastor is hired. Pastor's friend Kurtis came up to church recently to assist her with moving the pew out of the coat room. He commented on how clean our property is. He also noted that the altar, pulpit and pew end caps appear dry. He will be asked for advice so that we can treat and preserve the wood. Kurtis volunteered to assist us with recycling/repurposing the old green hymnals as previously mentioned in the newsletter.

• **President's Report:** Jim and Rich Kelley attended the retirement of Bishop Roth. Also, in attendance were Reverends Tegtmeier, Sandlin, Rothfus, Stein Schwartzkopf and Mittendorf among others. Jim advised us that a whole new staff will replace those in the Bishop's office upon his retirement. Other news included Pastor Tegtmeier accepting an interim position in Steelville, IL. Jim has also been busy pulling weeds and cleaning up the church landscaping upon his retirement. ***Thank you Jim for your continued dedication to Resurrection!***

• **Men's Club:** The AED has been delivered and installed. The first CPR and training took place on July 20<sup>th</sup>. Another class during evening hours will be arranged. A fall Chili Drive is already in the works. A sketch of the outdoor prayer cross to be placed in the landscaping was shown. A dedicated location is still being determined upon its construction/completion.

• **Worship Committee:** Discussion on relocating the organ to the front of the church is still happening. No obstacles are foreseen, except for figuring how it's hooked to the setup above the doors entering the sanctuary.

• **Property Committee:** – New faucets and a new dishwasher were purchased for the church kitchen. The faucets are already installed. The dishwasher will replace the original one from 1992. Installation of the dishwasher is pending the possibility of new flooring in the kitchen due to the dangerous bubbling causing people to stumble. The faucets and dishwasher do not fall under the category of a memorial as originally intended/suggested. They will be purchased with general funds and the remaining balance of the inactive Women's Club. A motion was made and passed to use the remaining Women's Club balance of \$1,000 to offset the cost. ***Another big thanks to the Callahan's for dedicating their time to keep up our building in good, operating condition.***

• **Social Committee:** Sharon Groh is now helping Janet and Teresa with proof reading the directory and wrapping up the project. She will also be sending out notes/cards to those not in regular attendance as well as those who were Baptized and not seen since, inviting them back to worship. Sharon is also redoing the bulletin boards in the hallway of Young Hall and the one hanging in the narthex. These bulletin boards haven't been touched in years. Please check them out for ways to support our community and the various outreach efforts she provides us. Sharon has also set up a collection center for the miscellaneous donations like greeting/birthday/get well cards, school supplies, etc . . . in the narthex to serve as a visual reminder of our ongoing involvements and donations. Sharon continues to be a powerhouse of knowledge with community outreach! ! !

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## DISCUSSION ITEMS:

•**Community Garden:** Members of the Community Garden provided Council with a proposal to rent out plots of land for individual gardens next year. A lengthy discussion took place on the idea, clearly establishing that this cannot be a “for-profit” activity. Other discussion included the number of plots purposed being far too many and taking away from the aesthetics of the church’s property. Council is seeking feedback on the success or failure of such a concept at other ELCA churches. Additional ideas were mentioned, but no decision will be made at this time as more research is needed.

• **Our next quarterly meeting will be Aug. 13, following worship.**



## Assisting Ministers

The Assisting Ministers for June/July are below. There are some blanks--Folks aren't sure about their Summer Schedule. If there is no one for an open Sunday, that's OK.

Thanks, Pastor Jan

- ☐ August 6 -- Rich Kelly
- ☐ August 13 -- Jim Lieber
- ☐ August 20 --
- ☐ August 27 --



**Men’s Club Meeting will be August 10, 6pm** in Young Hall. Pizza to follow.

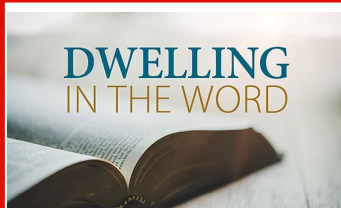
Dan Garner 618-792-1777

## Book Club



The Book Club will meet for an evening of fun, food and fellowship on Thursday, August 10, at 6:30 pm at Santino’s Restaurant near Alton Sq. Mall. We welcome everyone, however to confirm a place to sit, eat and enjoy the company of others reservations are a necessity. Please give me a call at 618-433-1469 by Wednesday, August 9th if planning to attend.

Ruth Wolter



## Dwelling in the Word

August 7, 21 & 28

Mondays, 2-3 pm, with Pastor Jan leading

## Memorial Committee Report

The Memorial Committee met after services on July 9. Those present were Pr. Jan Worms, Jim Lieber, and Dan & Carol Callahan. Two projects were approved by the committee. First, green paraments, including a superfrontal altar covering, burse & veil, pulpit hanging, and a pastor's stole, would be purchased at a cost of \$1744.

Second, a set of liquid fuel advent candles with brass tops would be purchased at a cost of \$472. This would mean that all our candles would be liquid fuel. Both of these projects are estimates, due to shipping charges.

These two recommendations were submitted to the Church council at the July meeting, and both were approved. Due to the fact that the paraments are made to order, it will be 6-8 weeks before they arrive.

Other projects discussed were the replacement of two trees (Jim will investigate these) and the purchase of new faucets and a dishwasher for the kitchen. These latter projects would be paid for with funds from the Women's Club or general funds, since they don't fit the parameters of money from the Memorial Fund. Dan & Carol will take care of the purchase of these.

Submitted by  
Kay Tucker, Chairperson



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).

***Additional volunteers would be greatly appreciated. Contact Dan Callahan at 618-660-8155 to become a member of the "tech" team.***



4 Vivian Heinemann  
13 Sharon Groh  
19 Sam Ellis  
Beth Hoffmann  
21 David Isringhausen  
29 Kirk Rhea  
Jim Heinemann  
31 Charles Kelley

HAPPY  
*Wedding*  
ANNIVERSARY

16 Rod and Cheryl Margherio  
22 Jim and Kathleen Lieber

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



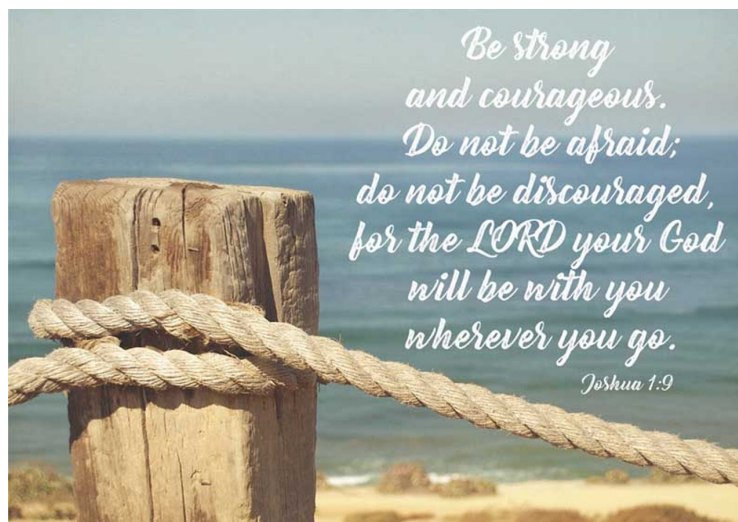
## FINANCIAL STATUS – June 2023



DEDICATED FUNDS BALANCE	\$72,982.65
GENERAL FUNDS CASH FLOW	\$3,251.83
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	\$16,483.92

	<u>6/1/2023 -</u> <u>6/30/2023</u>	<u>YEAR TO</u> <u>DATE</u>
<b>GENERAL FUNDS DETAIL</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
Offering	\$14,063.07	\$75,430.27
Lenten Offering		\$1,800.30
Other Income	\$301.78	\$2,774.80
<b>Total General Fund Income</b>	<b>\$14,364.85</b>	<b>\$80,005.37</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Benevolence	\$275.00	\$1,710.00
Building and Grounds	\$2,141.86	\$10,783.38
Christian Education	\$0.00	\$0.00
Church Mortgage	\$2,608.00	\$15,648.00
Evangelism	\$0.00	\$394.77
Insurance	\$405.00	\$2,430.00
Office	\$473.80	\$2,973.97
Personnel Costs	\$733.09	\$3,295.24
Personnel Salaries	\$3,837.40	\$21,257.29
Social Ministry	\$0.00	\$214.72
Stewardship Supplies	\$0.00	\$138.81
Worship	\$638.87	\$1,973.31
<b>Total General Fund Expenses</b>	<b>\$11,113.02</b>	<b>\$60,819.49</b>
<b>General Funds Cash Flow</b>	<b>\$3,251.83</b>	<b>\$19,185.88</b>

Our total offering for the month is up significantly because we have a parishioner who pays quarterly. This accounts for the “bump” this month.



# August 2023

Sun

Mon



Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

<b>Rev. Jan S. Worms</b> <b>gracious@midwest.net</b> <b>Office Hours by appointment</b> <b>618-250-1608</b>		1 Scouts 7pm	2	3	4	5
	6 Worship 10am	7 Dwelling in the Word 2pm	8 Scouts 7pm	9	10 Men's Club at Church 6pm Book Club at Santino's 6:30p	11 12
13 Worship 10am Quarterly Meeting 11am	14 Young Hall in use 10 am	15 Scouts 7pm Church Council 7pm	16	17	18	19
20 Worship 10am	21 Young Hall in use 10am Dwelling in the Word 2pm	22 Scouts 7pm	23	24	25	26 Graceful Nails at Evergreen Pl. 1:45 <b>Newsletter Deadline 10p</b>
27 Worship 10am	28 Dwelling in the Word 2pm	29 Scouts 7pm Soup's On 	30	31		

**Rev. Jan S. Worms, Interim**

**CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL**

Jim Lieber, President  
Robin Lusardi, Vice-President  
Teresa Droste, Secretary  
Kay Tucker, Treasurer  
Neal Booth & Tammy Neese, *At Large Members*  
Alan Robertson & Sherry Wyatt, *At Large Members*

**CONGREGATIONAL LEADERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

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Jim Lieber, *Christian Education, Evangelism*  
Pator Worms, *Facebook and Social Media*  
Carol Garner, *Fellowship*  
Kay Tucker, *Finance*  
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