

# *the* Resurrectionist

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

**Just remember as the night grows darker still  
And the next night grows darker still  
And the night following that grows dark  
Darker still, that . . .**



*“You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:14-16*

**As you continue on building a closer relationship with God, don’t keep your light hidden. Think of ways to be of service and let your light shine!**

## Pastor's Pen– September

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

September holds at least two important dates for us at Resurrection. Well, at least one important date. The other date is in October.

**Sunday, September 10, is "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday.** We have service projects planned that include cookies and fruit. You can read about those in Sharon's article elsewhere in this newsletter. During worship that day we will use resources prepared by the ELCA Division for Worship, including a special hymn for this day that was commissioned by the ELCA two years ago.

**The second date is Sunday, October 1, which is "Blessing of our Pets" day.** During worship we will sing hymns that focus on animals and creation. Animals and pets are such an important part of many of our lives and families. We treasure them almost as if they are our children. They are certainly a precious part of God's good creation and it is appropriate that we set aside a time to honor them and ask God's blessing upon them.

At the close of service, during the recessional hymn, we will gather in our entrance area. We will hear a few scripture passages, say a few prayers and then I will bless any pets present. You are most welcome to bring your pet to church. It should be well behaved and, in a carrier, or on a leash at all times. If your pet would consider it a blessing to NOT be present, please bring a photo of your pet for a blessing. A photo on your phone is perfectly fine. No pet? Not a problem.

The pet blessing this year is "planting a seed" for a day that could become a larger celebration in future years. We could add a hot dog lunch, pet parade, pet and partner fun walk around our ground, a demonstration from one of the Alton K9 teams, pet treats, and the list goes on. This can become as big of a celebration day for our community as you would like for it to be.

We celebrate the Blessing of Pets on the day nearest to October 4, which is the day we honor St. Francis of Assisi.



*Here is a wonderful article by Angelo Stagnaro from "The US Catholic."*

Every year, like clockwork, my dogs receive a blessing on October 4, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. The warranty on the blessing doesn't wear out, but I don't want to take any chances on any of my charges. Neither do my fellow parishioners, as the Blessing of the Animals is a big deal in our parish. Everyone seemingly has a critter dependent upon him or her.

This year my parish welcomed a huge collection of cats in crates, dogs on leashes, and hamsters as far as the eye could see. And for those paying particularly close attention, there was one lonely snail named Gary, after a character on *SpongeBob SquarePants*. There were enormous dogs that could have easily been mistaken for not-so-small horses and tiny teacup varieties that could have fit four to a saucer, all eagerly awaiting their annual blessing.

The blessing also attracted a clowder of cats, a bale of turtles, a knot of snakes, a company of parrots, a horde of hamsters, a group of guinea pigs, and a glint of goldfish blissfully adrift in their fishbowl. Several police officers mounted on their trusty steeds towered over the assembled crowd, dutifully waiting their turn. After all, the horses need a blessing, too.

The dogs were curious and the cats were cautious, but there were no reported instances of interspecies violence. After all, St. Francis represents peace and balance in the environment. He composed the “Canticle of the Creatures,” tamed wolves, preached to birds, and sought solace in the countryside. He once gave up his bed so a donkey could rest instead. It’s natural that we, as believing Christians, ask for his protection over the furry, scaled, and feathered loved ones in our families.

For St. Francis, every creature—that is, everything that God created—was sacred. The sun, the moon, birds, humans, butterflies, and even rabid wolves were a part of God’s plan and a sign of God’s love. German philosopher Max Scheler once commented on St. Francis’ love of creation by saying, “Where the modern cynic sees something ‘buglike’ in everything that exists, St. Francis saw even in a bug the sacredness of life.”

The Christian custom of pet blessings originated from early Christians who lived close to the soil and nature. They were farmers whose livelihoods depended upon the health of their animals. Thus, early Christians would seek out the desert fathers to bless their charges. That’s why Italian Christians have their animals blessed twice a year, once on St. Francis of Assisi’s feast day and again on January 17, the feast of St. Anthony of Egypt—the monk who established the Christian monastic tradition.

The blessing of the animals is one of the few Christian celebrations that transcends denominational boundaries. Lutherans, Episcopalians, and Presbyterians, among other Christians, participate in the festivities. Jewish communities, too, will often bless their farm and companion animals during a ceremony known as the Simchat Noach. The latter custom didn’t extend to or influence the Catholic community but rather existed alongside it.

Such a large collection of animals assembled in a church parking lot serves not only the pets but also serves as a community-building experience for their owners. In addition to our own pets, pet owners love other pet owners. And let’s not forget that the sight of such a large assemblage of creatures serves as great advertising to the wider community that the church is thriving and relevant in an otherwise disjointed and impersonal era.

Pets expand the lives of their owners. While in their presence, we feel comforted, safe, secure, and loved. We, in turn, are given those beautiful, precious moments of God’s overpowering grace with them to show we can love. In their simple state, my *ca de bou* mastiffs prompt me to remember to be kind, patient, and generous.

In his commentary on the Song of Songs, St. Bernard of Clairvaux admits, “I have seen a fraction of [God’s] glory and it is awesome.” Having dogs in my life, I can honestly say I’ve seen a fraction of God’s love in their eyes. If God loves me with even a fraction of the love I have for my dogs, I know he truly, completely loves me. My dogs are blessed every year not only because of my concern for them but also from my gratefulness for having them in my life. It’s a win-win.

Peace to you and yours from me and my little gray cat, Lilly,

Pastor Jan





## News & Updates



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

School resumed 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*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> #2 sharpened pencils                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Dry erase markers                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Glue sticks                                | <input type="checkbox"/> 12. inch rule with centimeters              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bottled white glue- no gel or glitter glue | <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow highlighter                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 24 count Crayola crayons                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Colored pencils                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blunt tip scissors, Fiskars preferred      | <input type="checkbox"/> Wide-rule spiral notebooks                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family size tissues boxes                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Three-prong pocket folders, solid colors    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Botte hand sanitizer                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Large pink erasers                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tub-style box wet wipes                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Clorox Wipes                                |

### Defibrillator and CPR Project

The defibrillator has been installed and a nurse from Alton Memorial Hospital conducted the first training class on how to use the defibrillator and perform CPR. **She will be conducting a second class here in Young Hall on Saturday, September 16 at 1:00 o'clock.** The Men's Group will be subsidizing a portion of the fees, so it costs only \$20 per person to get the necessary training. Please register to attend on the sign-up sheet in the narthex.



Thank you for your support and training with us,  
The Men's Group

### Faithful Innovations Team

During the summer we attempted to do some Dwelling in the Word via email. It was hit or miss, as I did not send out text on a regular schedule. It seems as though all of us have had a fairly busy summer. Hopefully the few that were sent nudged each of us to take a step back and dwell in the word, if for only a few moments.

Our next initiative is to team up with Social Ministry in "God's Work Our Hands." On Saturday, September 9th we will decorate the Staff lounge at Gilson Brown School to show our support and appreciation for all that they do. This will include school supplies, flowers, poster, cards, a fruit basket and lots & lots of cookies. We hope this act of love and faithful words brings encouragement and joy to each of the 36 staff members. A big thanks to Ann Isringhausen and Tammy Neese for supporting the effort.

The Faithful Innovations Team,  
Rich Kelley, Elyse Tillman, David Isringhausen, Gary Neese, Sharon Groh, & our Coach Ellen Koester



## Prayer Shawls and Lab Robes Ending

After 13 years, the Prayer Shawl and Lap Robe program at Resurrection is concluding. Many thanks to all the people who donated money to purchase yarn and material for this project, and also to the women who gave so generously of their time and talents to make it possible.

Thank you cards and letters were received from many recipients expressing their thankfulness. They felt blessed to receive this gift at a time in their life when they could use some reassurance that people really did care about them.

However, as time doesn't stop for any of us, ladies one by one had to stop due to hand/wrist issues from knitting and crocheting. Then, it got down to the remaining two, who finally decided it was time to join the rest, as our hands were saying enough.

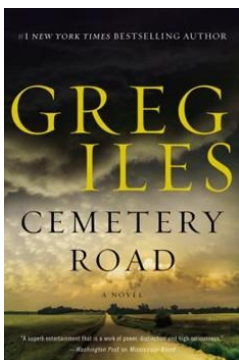
The remaining items we have on hand are being given to the Riverbend Family Ministries who will use them in their Trauma Based Services. This faith-based organization does not receive any state or federal funds. Instead, donations and grants are used to provide many collaborative tools, aiding families 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.

Again, thank you to everyone who supported us financially, or with your many hours of time and talents, Sherry Wyatt & Ruth Wolter

## Book Club

Sherry Wyatt will be the discussion leader for our September meeting. Her book choice is **Cemetery Road** by **Greg Iles**, which is available at the local library. A copy was in our church library, but may be in use. We will meet on **September 14, 6:30 pm, at the church**. Everyone is welcome to attend.

*Check out the Book Club bulletin board in the Fellowship Hallway. Pictured is the group who attended our night out at Santino's for an evening of great fellowship and food on August 10th.*



**Summary:** Just as the political chaos in the nation's capital lifts journalist Marshall McEwan to new heights, he is forced to return home in spite of his boyhood vow. His father is dying, his mother is struggling to keep the family newspaper from failing, and the town is in the midst of an economic rebirth that might be built upon crimes that reach into the state capitol--and perhaps even to Washington. More disturbing still, Marshall's high school sweetheart, Jet, has married into the family of Max Matheson, patriarch of one of the families that rule Bienville through a shadow organization called the Bienville Poker Club. When archaeologist Buck McKibben is murdered at a construction site, Bienville is thrown into chaos.

Ruth Wolter,  
618-433-1469.



## Disaster Relief

At the August meeting, Church Council voted to collect donations for Lutheran Disaster Response to support the devastation caused by the Hawaiian wildfires. Donations may be made through a special offering with a note designating *Lutheran Disaster Response* on the memo line of your check. **Please make checks payable to Resurrection.** This will run through September 30 with funds being matched up to \$500.00 from our Mission Fund.



## Assisting Ministers

The Assisting Ministers will now be teamed up for two months at a time. Here is the schedule for the balance of 2023. **Additional assistants are needed. Please contact Pastor to help.**

- ☐ Team 1, Elyse Tillman & Sherry Wyatt – August and November
- ☐ Team 2, Carol Callahan & Karen Woods – September and December
- ☐ Team 3, Ruth Wolter & Kay Tucker -- October and December

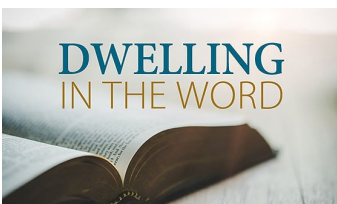


Thanks,  
Pastor Jan



- **Men's Club Meeting will be Sept. 14, 6pm with pizza being served.**
- **Chili Drive Thru** is scheduled for **October 12, 19, 26th.** Please support the Men's Club. Tickets will be available from members and in the Narthex after service. As in the past, your help in supplying the hamburger to use in making the chili is greatly appreciated. Funds can be given to Bill Stoutenborough. Hamburger can be placed in kitchen refrigerator. Thank you for your support.

Dan Garner 618-792-1777



## Dwelling in the Word

Mondays, 2-3 pm, with Pastor Jan leading  
September 18 & 25

## Social Ministry

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

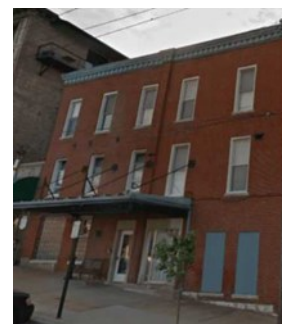
Hip, Hip, Hooray to the following volunteers who helped create a **centralized donation center** in the Narthex for Social Ministry community partnership donations. Additional suggestions and feedback are always welcome.

- David Isringhausen provided milk crates that Jerry Broche painted.
- Ruth Wolter and Janet Broche covered and refurbished a bulletin board. Dan Callahan assisted with attaching it to the wall properly. Moving forward, the messaging will be changed out periodically. Be sure to check it out !
- Sharon found unused shelving in the storage room. Each organization has its own basket. Individualized organization labels indicating specific needs were made for the baskets, which will be added/removed, as appropriate. Copies of wish lists inside the baskets may be taken to help with shopping.

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**Oasis Women's Center in Alton** is a shelter for domestic violence victims. Staff provide on-site emergency shelter, counseling, and support services, including a 24-hour hotline (888) 244-1978. Staff expressed deep gratitude for the plentiful donations delivered the week of August 20<sup>th</sup>. COVID is once again limiting volunteer assistance at the Center although *the number of persons seeking help remains high*. Wishlist items are the same as in any home and get "used up" quickly.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Paper Towels                | <input type="checkbox"/> Standard Size Pillows       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet Paper                | <input type="checkbox"/> Body Soap for Men and Women |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kleenex                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Deodorant                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toothpaste                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo and Conditioner     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Liquid Laundry Soap         | <input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning Products           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diapers – Size 4 and Size 6 |  |



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**Riverbend Family Ministries (RFM)**, Wood River provides resources for smaller non-profits to work together under one roof, providing families and individuals the tools to be self-sufficient. They concentrate their collaborative, holistic efforts on children, youth and families who've experienced trauma, most often due to violence, addiction, poverty, and homelessness. Donations of craft items for art therapy, prayer shawls/blankets (therapeutic support), plush toys (therapeutic support), personal care items and water have been delivered. **Tammy Iskarous, Executive Director and Rachael Craddick, Fund Development Director will be guest presenters at an Adult Forum on 09/23/2023 at 8:45 a.m. Please mark your calendar to make plans to attend and show your support. Matthew 9:37-38 (ESV) Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."**

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## “God’s Work. Our Hands.”

The goal of the September 10<sup>th</sup> Resurrection Church ELCA 2023 day of service will be to have a churchwide event to include everyone. A Planning Team of Sharon Groh, Rich Kelley, and Pastor Jan agreed to recognize area family service organization staff with Cookie & Fruit trays in appreciation for their commitment to the families and individuals they serve. This is especially important for staff supporting families dealing with trauma and violence. A card with a faith-based message of encouragement, scripture and thank you will be included.

### Details and Guidance:

1. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the coat room. It will be helpful to know how many cookies will be available, and fruit donations. Mandarins and grapes seem to last well. Cookies can be homemade or purchased.
2. Bring cookies and fruit to the church on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, or place in one of the church freezers with a label “God’s work. Our hands” if you need to bring them in early due to a schedule conflict.
3. Tray donations (Dollar Tree) will also be helpful.
4. We will plate the cookie and fruit trays following the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service for Sunday and Monday delivery. The number of trays depends upon donations. Delivery depends upon organization business hours.
5. Help is needed to write positive messages of encouragement and appreciation. Cards are available, thanks to the ongoing card ministry donations. The cards will be attached to the trays.
6. Potential service organizations include, but not limited to: Child Advocacy Center, Riverbend Family Ministries, Oasis Women’s Center, YWCA Alton, Impact Center for Independent Living, Land of Lincoln Legal Aid, Community Hope Center Bethalto, and Riverbend Head Start. Let us know if you have an organization you want to see recognized.
7. The Faithful Innovation Team is coordinating with JoAnne Curvey, Principal at Gilson Brown Elementary School for a special staff surprise. Early Saturday, our Team, plus help from spouses, will decorate the staff lounge with garden fresh flowers, colorful signs of encouragement and appreciation, and leave trays of cookies, bars, baskets of fruit, and the Resurrection School Supply donations. It would be fun to see the reaction of the 36 staff members throughout the day on Monday.





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Sharon Groh recently participated in a Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) Zoom meeting sponsored by Lutherans Restoring Creation\* to learn about the ELCA domestic and global efforts to collaborate with other disaster response organizations and religious entities in the United States and around the world. The LDR ministry provides both short- and long-term recovery when disasters strike by working with partners to develop responses that address local needs. LDR awards grants to partners, provides technical assistance, training opportunities and accompanies throughout relief and recovery stages.

Not long after the call, wildfires on the island of Maui occurred. We are thrilled Resurrection Council members voted to match up to \$500 in congregation donations to help support the Lutheran Disaster Response efforts. As we pray for the people of Hawaii and especially the victims of Maui, many ask "what can we do?" Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with the Pacifica Synod and other partners to assess the needs of people impacted by the wildfires. LDR will work with them to provide for immediate needs and long-term recovery amid the widespread destruction. Lutheran Disaster Response is committed to accompanying recovering communities in the years ahead. By standing with Maui's wildfire survivors, we follow Christ's call to share hope and healing with our neighbors in need.

\*Lutherans Restoring Creation (LRC) is a grass-roots movement promoting care for creation in the ELCA



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You are invited to join our Social Ministry Team in assisting students at **Lewis and Clark College Student Government Association Hygiene Closet**. The mission of the Hygiene Closet is to provide free common hygiene products to students who need them throughout the year.

**Items Needed:**

- ☐ Soaps
- ☐ Shampoos
- ☐ Body Washes
- ☐ Toothbrushes and Toothpaste
- ☐ Tampons and Pads

**Child Care Products:**

- ☐ Diapers
- ☐ Baby Wipes
- ☐ Hand Sanitizers and Lotions

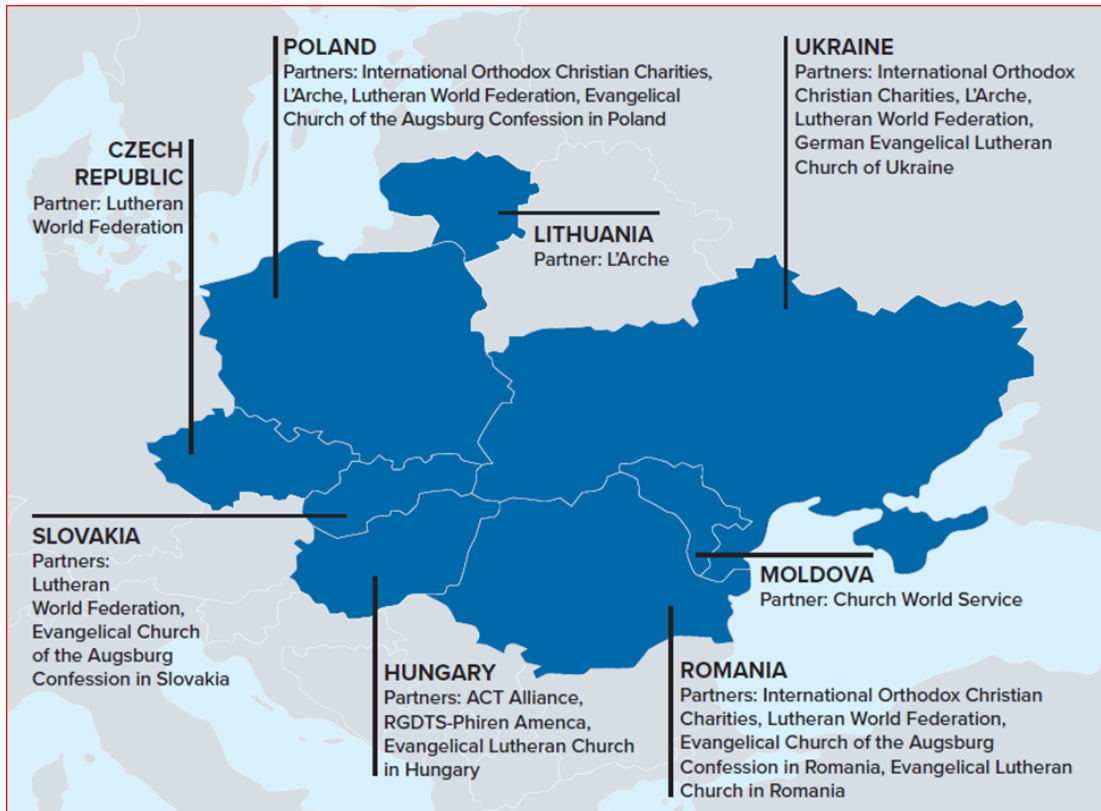
**Household Products:**

- ☐ Laundry Detergent
- ☐ Toilet Paper
- ☐ Paper Towels

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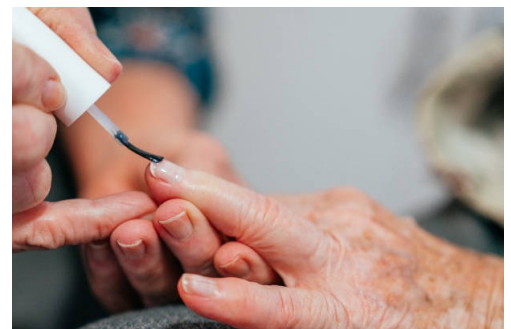
Lutheran Disaster Response's partners in the region gathered food, clothing and other supplies and opened their doors wide to the traumatized people who began to arrive. A year later the impacts of the war continue to be felt around the world. There is a fuel shortage in Europe, and existing food shortages have been exacerbated. As the situation evolves, Lutheran Disaster Response and its partners continue to accompany people affected by the war. You and other supporters responded with incredible generosity, sharing over \$12 million to help our neighbors in Eastern Europe whose lives were so suddenly disrupted, and showing them that they are not alone.



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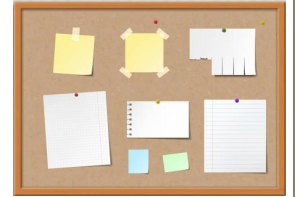
**Graceful Nails at Evergreen Place Supported Living.** Thank you for your recent donations of the requested nail care products. Ladies receiving hand pampering have fun choosing their nail polish colors. If you enjoy a good story, consider stopping by for a couple of hours on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of any month and be entertained. No experience required. Good listeners are as important as nail painters or hand massagers.

*Join us on Saturday, Sept. 23 at 1:45 at Evergreen Place*



The Social Ministry Team has assumed responsibility to update the bulletin boards in the Narthex and the hallway going toward Young Hall. You will notice current messaging reflecting the life and ministries of the congregation. We hope this helps to improve communication and provide encouragement in living our life of faith as taught by the ELCA.

- \* A big thank you to *Ruth Wolter* and *Janet Broche* for re-covering the bulletin boards.
- \* *Dan Callahan* assisted in adding new hardware and re-hanging (exercising great patience while listening to frequently changing instructions).



Thank you!

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

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

## Community Garden

The Resurrection Church community garden has been a tremendous success. We recently received a thank you card from the Alton Crisis Food Center expressing appreciation for the number of people who benefited from the fresh vegetables. Many individuals enjoyed having straight-from-the-garden tomatoes, cucumbers, eggplant, green beans, lettuce, squash, broccoli, cauliflower, and peppers added to their food boxes. Bob Doerr has planted an additional fall crop of vegetables. Garden maintenance continues. As a courtesy, Mark Groh has kept Mayors Goins and McCormick informed of our progress. Both have been supportive of the community project. The community garden will continue in 2024 with produce donated to the Alton Crisis Food Center and/or other community-based sources. There has been discussion of adding a Blessings Box if there are volunteers willing to take on the challenge.

Mark Groh  
402-937-3748



## Highlight's from Church Council – August

Our August Council Meeting ran from 7-10 pm. Highlights will be kept brief given the amount of content discussed.

### REPORTS

- **Treasurer's Report August:** Offering for July was \$11,289.97. Total income was \$11,776.35. Expenses for the month were \$11,979.40, leaving us \$203 short. Expenses were up due to paying our insurance. We typically set aside \$407 each month for insurance. With rates going up, we will need to increase that to roughly \$500. Output Unlimited was paid a 2<sup>nd</sup> installment of \$8,141. The final installment will follow delivery of the wireless mics.
- **President's Report:** The quarterly congregational meeting held on Aug. 13 was well received.
- **Pastor's Report:**
  - Pastor advised that Jim Wicklund was doing well after recent heart surgery.
  - The amendments to our church constitution that were voted on at the 2022 congregational meeting were sent to the Synod to be reviewed and accepted.
  - There is a need for additional Assisting Ministers, anyone willing to help out should contact Pastor.
  - Pastor briefly explained St. Luke's Feast Day, a day for blessing pets. Ideas to develop this into something larger next year were provided. For now, a simple service with well-behaved pets attending, will be held on Oct. 1.

- Upon Pastor's suggestion, council agreed that funds from the recycled books be donated to the St. Ambrose Outreach to support summer utility bills.
- The Community Garden waiver form that was shared at the quarterly meeting was discussed with attorney Nancy Larson, family of Pastor Jan. She advised that written waivers are easily overturned in court and that reaching out to our insurance company would be best for liability related issues. Kay followed up on this. An additional \$25 a year would cover us adequately. The Community Garden team was advised on 8/20 prior to tabling the idea on 8/21 after displeasure with council's stipulations.
- A follow up to preserving and caring for the wood in church was provided. Necessary supplies to be purchased to treat the "thirsty" wood.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Audit:** Expenses and contribution records have been given to Bill Stoutenborough for review.
- **Fellowship:** Kay will talk with Carol regarding a dinner open to the community this fall . . . most likely to be a spaghetti dinner given the success of the first couple hosted prior to Covid.
- **Social Ministry:** Water will continue to be collected through the month of August. School is beginning and supplies are still needed. ELCA Disaster Fund for the Hawaiian fires is underway. The council agreed that our church should help by matching up to \$500 from the mission fund. Tammy made a motion to contribute matching funds. Kay seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- **Finance:** A meeting has been scheduled for September 25th, at the church at 4:00pm to discuss the budget. Attendees should be Pastor, Kay, Jim, Teresa, and John Droste. This meeting will include proposing a budget that will be presented to the council at the October meeting and scheduled for discussion before the congregation at the November congregational meeting.
- **Worship:** A location for the prayer cross has not been finalized. As a council, we took a walk outside and determined that the best place for the cross would be between the flagpole and the landscaping lights. Kay made a motion that the prayer cross should be built between the flagpole and the landscaping lights, not blocking the view of the electric sign. Alan seconded. Motion passed. Jim will inform the Men's Club to proceed with the project.
- **Call Committee:** The council was informed that a candidate was invited to become our pastor. But after consideration, the candidate declined. No update except that the work to find a candidate for our church continues.
- **Men's Club:** The annual chili supper drive thru is being planned. Discussion included the selling out of chili last year and more efficient ways to handle the cooking process. Currently all the cooking is done via crockpots ? ? ? However, several large roasters capable of simmering temperatures are readily available and would speed up the process for producing more, with less cleanup.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **Clearwave Internet vs. Spectrum:** We currently pay \$139 a month with Spectrum. Rates keep increasing. Clearwave Fiber is now in our area and will charge \$150 for 5 years with no increase. A motion was made by Neal to move our business to Clear Wave Fiber at the cost of \$150 for 5 years. The motion was seconded by Tammy. Motion passed.
- **Kitchen Floor:** Kay received a bid for replacing the bubbling kitchen floor with ceramic tile, but the bid as astronomical (\$7,000+). The adhesive under the old floor has never set properly due to moisture/humidity seeping through the concrete slab. In order to prepare for a new floor, the slab would have to be cleaned and sealed. Neal suggested looking into an epoxy floor. Kay will talk to the Property committee.

## OTHER:

**Special Meeting after church on August 20, 2023:** Council meet briefly to vote on the Community Garden's proposal to rent plots to the public in 2024. In attendance were Jim Lieber, Tammy Neese, Kay Tucker, Neal Booth, Sherry Wyatt, Pastor Jan, and Teresa Droste. Kay emailed council earlier in the week with a quote of \$25 a year for liability insurance that they would be expected to cover. The vote stipulated that if the Community Garden initiative continues, and all conditions met, that Council would approve their request. Kay made that motion. Teresa seconded. Motion passed. For reference, the stipulation that the Community Garden rejected was selling 15 plots up front, cash in hand, before any tilling, fencing or work begun. The Community Garden tabled their idea, stating there wouldn't be enough revenue from renting 15 plots to cover their expenses.



# In Remembrance

Jeanette Weihe

Feb. 25, 1929—August 18, 2023



A memorial service will be held at Resurrection, Saturday, September 2, 10:00 AM.

Graveside service following at Upper Alton Cemetery.

<https://www.gentfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Jeanette-Weihe/#!/Obituary>

## Blessing - of the - ANIMALS



### Sunday, October 1, after Worship

You are most welcome to bring your pet to church. It should be well behaved and in a carrier or on a leash at all times. If your pet would consider it a blessing to NOT be present, please bring a photo of your pet for a blessing. A photo on your phone is perfectly fine. No pet? Not a problem.



- 2 Cindy Bonnell
- 3 Zachary Kinzel
- 6 Jerry Broche
- 9 Carol Callahan
- 19 Judy Ford
- Joan Smith

HAPPY  
*Wedding*  
ANNIVERSARY

None that we are aware of at this time.

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

## **FINANCIAL STATUS – July 2023**

<b>DEDICATED FUNDS BALANCE</b>	<b>\$60,796.40</b>
<b>GENERAL FUNDS CASH FLOW</b>	<b>(\$203.05)</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$16,483.92</b>

	<u><b>7/1/2023 - 7/31/2023</b></u>	<u><b>YEAR TO DATE</b></u>
<b>GENERAL FUNDS DETAIL</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
Offering	\$11,289.97	\$75,430.27
Lenten Offering		\$1,800.30
Other Income	\$486.38	\$2,774.80
<b>Total General Fund Income</b>	<b>\$11,776.35</b>	<b>\$80,005.37</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Benevolence	\$275.00	\$1,710.00
Building and Grounds	\$1,972.11	\$10,783.38
Christian Education	\$0.00	\$0.00
Church Mortgage	\$2,608.00	\$15,648.00
Evangelism	\$0.00	\$394.77
Insurance	\$1,449.35	\$2,430.00
Office	\$468.81	\$2,973.97
Personnel Costs	\$830.43	\$3,295.24
Personnel Salaries	\$3,792.67	\$21,257.29
Social Ministry	\$46.37	\$214.72
Stewardship Supplies	\$0.00	\$138.81
Worship	\$536.66	\$1,973.31
<b>Total General Fund Expenses</b>	<b>\$11,979.40</b>	<b>\$60,819.49</b>
<b>General Funds Cash Flow</b>	<b>(\$203.05)</b>	<b>\$19,185.88</b>

Our annual insurance premium was \$5,904.35. It only shows as \$1,449.35 because we have been setting \$405 aside each month. Also, we paid a second payment to Output Unlimited of \$8,141. These two items account for the drop of the Dedicated Funds.



# September 2023

Sun

Mon


Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

					1	2 Jeanette Weihe Funeral 10am
3 Worship 10am Worship Cmte at 11am	4	5 Scouts 7pm	6	7	8	9
10 Worship 10am Pastor Middendorf presiding	11	12 Scouts 7pm	13	14 Men's Club at church 6pm Book Club at church 6:30 pm	15	16 CPR Class at church 1pm
17 Worship 10am	18 Dwelling in the Word 2pm	19 Scouts 7pm Church Council 7pm	20	21	22	23 Graceful Nails at Evergreen Pl. 1:45 
24 Worship 10am	25 <b>Newsletter Deadline 6am</b> Finance Cmte. 4p Dwelling in the Word 2pm	26 Scouts 7pm	27	28	29	30

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

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**Service Time:**

In-Person & Online 10AM

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