

the Resurrectionist

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

I will
THANK GOD
*for my blessings
without forgetting
I am*
**BLESSED
TO BE A
BLESSING.**





"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?" —Psalm 22:1

Dear church,

As Lutherans, we are accustomed to holding tension between two truths. Thus the ELCA denounces the egregious acts of Hamas, acts that have led to unspeakable loss of life and hope. At the same time the ELCA denounces the indiscriminate retaliation of Israel against the Palestinian people, both Christian and Muslim.

For the past week we have borne witness to the horrors of the escalating crisis between Israel and Hamas. We also watch a growing humanitarian crisis in Gaza as Israel blocks food, water, fuel and medical supplies and as airstrikes continue to cause unbearable civilian casualties ahead of a just-announced ground assault. We see Israelis and families around the world in the agonizing wait for word about the fate of loved ones killed or taken hostage by Hamas. We are in anguish, grieving and praying for all people who are living in trauma, fear and uncertainty.

Among us are Palestinian Lutherans who are fearful for their families, their communities and their homeland. In our communities we have Jewish and Muslim neighbors, who are also facing the horrors of this crisis and its impact on their loved ones.

It is difficult to find words that suffice in the complexity of this moment, and in the web of relationships that bind us together, as church, with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land and our interreligious partners. Yet God has called us to be a people who stand with others amid suffering.

We must also call a thing a thing. The power exerted against all Palestinian people — through the occupation, the expansion of settlements and the escalating violence — must be called out as a root cause of what we are witnessing. We are committed to our long-standing accompaniment of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land.

The God who liberates us calls us to be a liberating witness. May it be so.

In Christ,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Things you can do:

- Find updated resources and statements from the ELCA [here](#).
- Join our partner Churches for Middle East Peace for prayer every Wednesday from 12:30 to 1 p.m. Eastern time. Register [here](#).
- Call your lawmakers today through the U.S. Capitol Switchboard at 202-224-3121 and urge them to take action to deescalate the conflict and uphold unrestricted humanitarian aid to Gaza. Find your member of Congress at [govtrak](#).
- Support Lutheran Disaster Response [here](#).



We invite you to join us in a Memorial Service to honor Veterans as well as military currently serving.

Resurrection Lutheran Church, Godfrey IL

1211 W. Homer Adams Pkwy.

Sunday, November 12

3:00 p.m.

If you desire, names of veterans or currently serving military may be submitted to be honored on our memory wall. Names only should be submitted to our e-mail at rlcelca23@gmail.com, or text to 618-401-2646, or at the church office by November 3rd.

The Rev. Wayland Middendorf, retired USMC . . . Homily

VFW Ritual Team, Post 1308, Color Guard

Bagpiper . . . Dan Whiteside

Cello Elyse Tillman

Trumpet . . . Jarod Garcia

Drummer . . Don Holliday

*I know that the lord is
always on the side of right.
But it is my constant anxiety
and prayer that I
and this nation should be
. . . **On the Lord's side***

Abraham Lincoln



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Please grab your calendar and a pencil! There's lots of things happening in November at Resurrection!

Starting Sunday, November 5, Dwelling in the Word will move to Sundays at 9:00 A.M. and will have a new name, probably something as exotic as "Adult Study." We will begin the video series "How the New Testament Came to Be" and will use the Study Guide that goes with the series. It will run for five Sundays, and the last session will be December 4. Over the holidays we will use the ELCA World Hunger Advent Study. On January 7 we will start with a new topic and a new video series, yet to be chosen.

Plans for our community Veteran's Day Worship are progressing well. Russ has diligently worked to prepare this worship and hire musicians including a bagpiper, trumpeter, cello (Elyse). Our local VFW will present the colors. At the close of the worship, the bagpiper will lead us outside where there will be a 21-gun salute. A reception will follow in Young Hall. Pastor Wayland Middendorf USMC (ret) will preach and yours truly will preside. The service will include the opportunity for folks to light a votive to honor a special veteran. Veterans present will be recognized and invited to stand. This is going to be a BIG deal! Please plan to attend, reach out and welcome visitors, invite friends and neighbors, and participate in the festivities.

All parishioners and friends are invited to stay after worship November 26 to help with "Hanging of the Greens." A light lunch will be served. Likewise, all folks are invited to participate in "Unhanging the Greens" after worship on January 7. We all enjoy and appreciate the beauty of our worship space during the Holiday Season. However, putting up all that "beauty" is a tremendous amount of work. The Worship Committee would like for that burden to be shared by all.

We had great participation in cleaning and oiling the wood in our sanctuary. The wood was thirsty and absorbed a surprising amount of oil. Wood care will be repeated in Spring and then annually. Hearty thanks to all who stayed and helped with this project.

Enjoy the last days of what has been a beautiful Autumn season.

From me and my little gray cat, Lilly,

Peace be with you and yours,
Pastor Jan





News & Updates



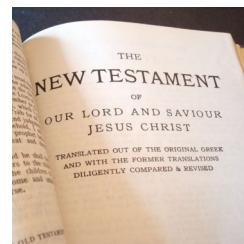
Dwelling in the Word/ Bible Study

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"How The New Testament Came to Be"

*The basic questions facing us as we look at the historical record is quite simple. Why does our Bible have a New Testament comprised of only 27 books? With the help of dozens of original graphics, this study will help us answer this and many other questions surrounding the formation of the New Testament. Join us for videos and study questions. **Please bring a folder for your handouts.***



I will continue to be in the office Monday afternoons after tutoring which ends for the semester on December 14. Over the holidays I will be in earlier on Mondays until tutoring resumes in January.

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Congregational Meeting

Please make the necessary arrangement to attend the

Annual Congregational Meeting, Sunday, November 19, following worship.

We have three open council positions with candidates needing your vote, as well as approving the new budget for 2024.



Thank you to all those that made another success out of the Chili Drive Thru !

Men's Club meeting November 9th, 6pm in Young Hall

Dan Garner
618-792-1777

Social Ministry

Non-perishable Thanksgiving food to donate to the Alton Crisis Food Center

Thanksgiving is one of the busiest times of the year for food banks. Healthy, non-perishable food items are always great to donate but may be in even higher demand around the holidays. While you're grocery shopping, look for items such as:

- *Boxed stuffing
- *Canned vegetables
- *Mandarin Oranges, Pineapple
- *Olive oil
- *Instant mashed potatoes
- *Dry macaroni
- *Canned Pumpkin
- *Cranberry sauce



Thank you!

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

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

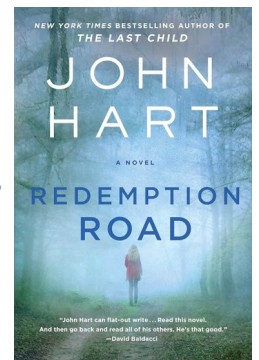


Book Club

Debra Spaul will be the discussion leader at our November Book Club meeting on November 9th, at 6:30 pm at the church. Her book choice is **Redemption Road** by **John Hart**. Books are available at the local library. Everyone is welcome to attend even if you haven't had time to read the book.

Summary: A boy with a gun waits for the man who killed his mother. A troubled detective confronts her past in the aftermath of a brutal shooting. After thirteen years in prison, a good cop walks free. But for how long? And deep in the forest, on the altar of an abandoned church, the unthinkable has just happened... This is a town on the brink. This is a road with no mercy.

Ruth Wolter,
618-433-1469.





*Bless us
Oh Lord,
and these thy gifts which
we are about to receive
from thy bounty,
through Christ, Our Lord.
Amen*



HAPPY
Wedding
ANNIVERSARY

2 Emarey Neese
14 Fay Stoutenborough
Jared Kinzel
20 Pastor Jan Worms

20 Dan & Carol Callahan

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

FINANCIAL STATUS – September 2023

DEDICATED FUNDS BALANCE	\$59,283.96
GENERAL FUNDS CASH FLOW	\$3,068.32
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	\$20,533.08

	<u>9/1/2023 - 9/30/2023</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS DETAIL		
Income		
Offering	\$13,596.12	\$110,192.77
Lenten Offering		\$1,800.30
Other Income	\$163.13	\$5,843.59
Total General Fund Income	\$13,759.25	\$116,036.36
Expenses		
Benevolence	\$275.00	\$2,535.00
Building and Grounds	\$2,056.61	\$16,858.67
Christian Education	\$0.00	\$0.00
Church Mortgage	\$2,608.00	\$23,472.00
Evangelism	\$0.00	\$394.77
Insurance	\$574.00	\$4,953.35
Office	\$387.35	\$4,137.14
Personnel Costs	\$774.93	\$5,879.97
Personnel Salaries	\$3,706.56	\$32,235.13
Social Ministry	\$29.02	\$376.83
Stewardship Supplies	\$0.00	\$138.81
Worship	\$279.46	\$3,306.43
Total General Fund Expenses	\$10,690.93	\$94,288.10
General Funds Cash Flow	\$3,068.32	\$21,748.26

Our offering was larger this month because we have a parishioner who pays quarterly. There were no large expenses this month, so we ended September in the black.



November 2023

Sun

Mon



Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

<p><u>Rev. Jan S. Worms</u> gracious@midwest.net Office Hours by appointment 618-250-1608</p>			1	2	3	4
5 Adult Bible Study 9am Worship 10am	6	7 Scouts 7pm	8	9 Men's Club at Church 6p Book Club at Church 6:30 p	10	11
12 Bible Study 9am Worship 10am Veteran's Memorial Service 3 pm	13	14 Scouts 7pm Church Council 7pm	15	16	17	18
19 Bible Study 9am Worship 10am Congregational Meeting 11am	20 Young Hall in use 10am	21 Scouts 7pm	22 Newsletter Deadline 10pm	23 Happy Thanksgiving 	24	25 Graceful Nails at Evergreen Place 1:45 pm 
26 Adult Bible Study 9am Worship 10am	27	28 Scouts 7pm	29	30		

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

Ruth Wolter, *Book Club*
Jim Lieber, *Christian Education, Evangelism*
Pator Worms, *Facebook and Social Media*
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Kay Tucker, *Finance*
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Service Time:

In-Person & Online 10AM

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