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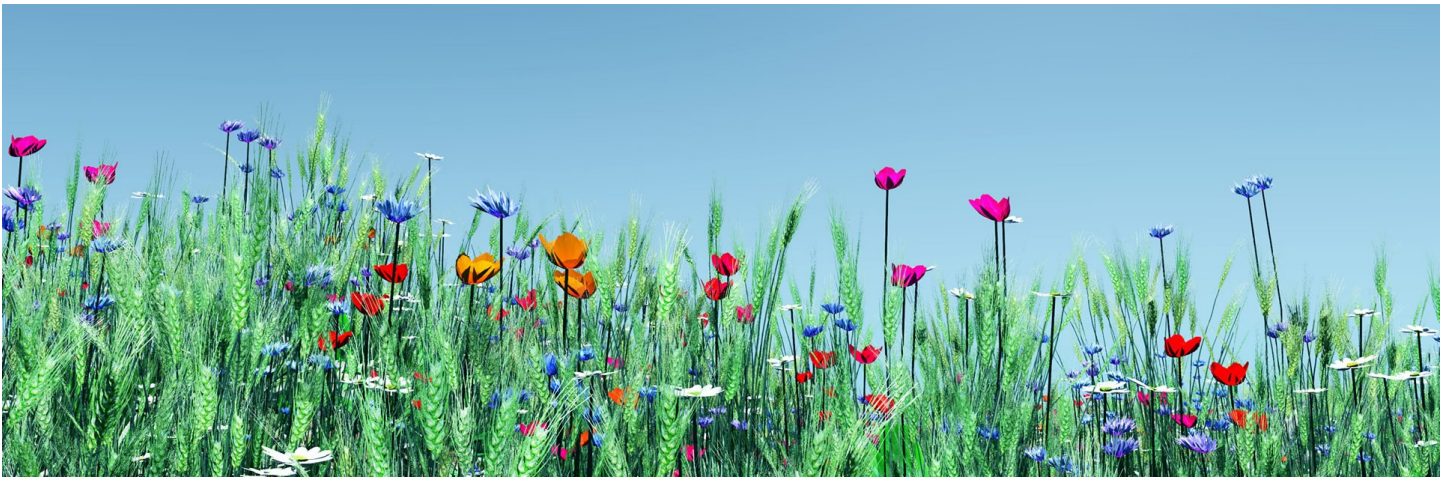
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the Resurrectionist

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

For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin. And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with Him. We are sure of this because Christ was raised from the dead, and He will never die again. Death no longer has any power over Him. When He died, He died once to break the power of sin. But now that He lives, He lives for the glory of God.

Romans 6: 7-10





Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christ Is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia! Happy Easter, dear friends!

Thanks to all for making the Easter Holy Days meaningful, memorable and enriching. Good worship. Good food and fellowship at Easter Breakfast. Great music. So much to be thankful for. And most of all, the gift of salvation through the Death and Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We don't deserve such a great gift from our God, but through his great love for us, it is freely given to us. Alleluia!

Special thanks to Sharon Groh for resuming her very capable leadership of our Social Ministry endeavors at Resurrection. Read and look for more information from Sharon and for opportunities for us to reach out and care for our neighbors locally and beyond.

Mike Golec has agreed to fill the vacant council Vice President seat. I expect that Council will accept and approve him to assume this office. Thanks, Mike! The Vice President position is open because current VP Robin Lusardi has moved to a suburb of Columbus, Ohio. Sad for us, but happy news for Robin as she will now be closer to family. I know that you all will miss Robin, as will I, but join me in wishing her well and much happiness in her new home.

We have lots of good things coming up to look forward to at Resurrection.

Sunday, April 21, is Good Shepherd Sunday. We will learn about the work of LSSI – Lutheran Social Service of Illinois.

Sunday, April 28, we will celebrate Rogate – the Blessing of Fields and Commerce. This blessing will be at the end of Sunday worship. You will be invited to take home a packet of seeds for your home garden.

The free concert in April. Three cars shows are coming up. All four events are sponsored by our Men's Club and are wonderful ways for us to share Resurrection with our friends and neighbors. Please invite them to join you in participating in these events. There are flyers for you to give to friends, neighbors and to post at your workplace or around town. Thank you to our Men's Club for leading the way and providing us with these great opportunities to introduce others to not only Resurrection, but to our faith and our Savior.

Our Adult Group continues to study Islam Sunday mornings at 9:00 A.M. We decided that we would like to visit a mosque. A trip to Dar-ul-Islam in West St Louis is in the planning stages. This mosque warmly welcomes visitors and includes a school, library and funeral home. Watch for us to announce a date for later this Spring. We will leave after church on Sunday, carpool, have lunch at a restaurant that would be a place where folks who practice Islam would dine and then tour the mosque. More details coming soon! All are welcome to participate. The "rules" for the visit are rather simple. Your entire body must be covered. Only your hands and face are allowed to show. Head covering is optional and clean socks are a must because you must remove your shoes before entering the worship area. Skirts must be no shorter than mid-calf.

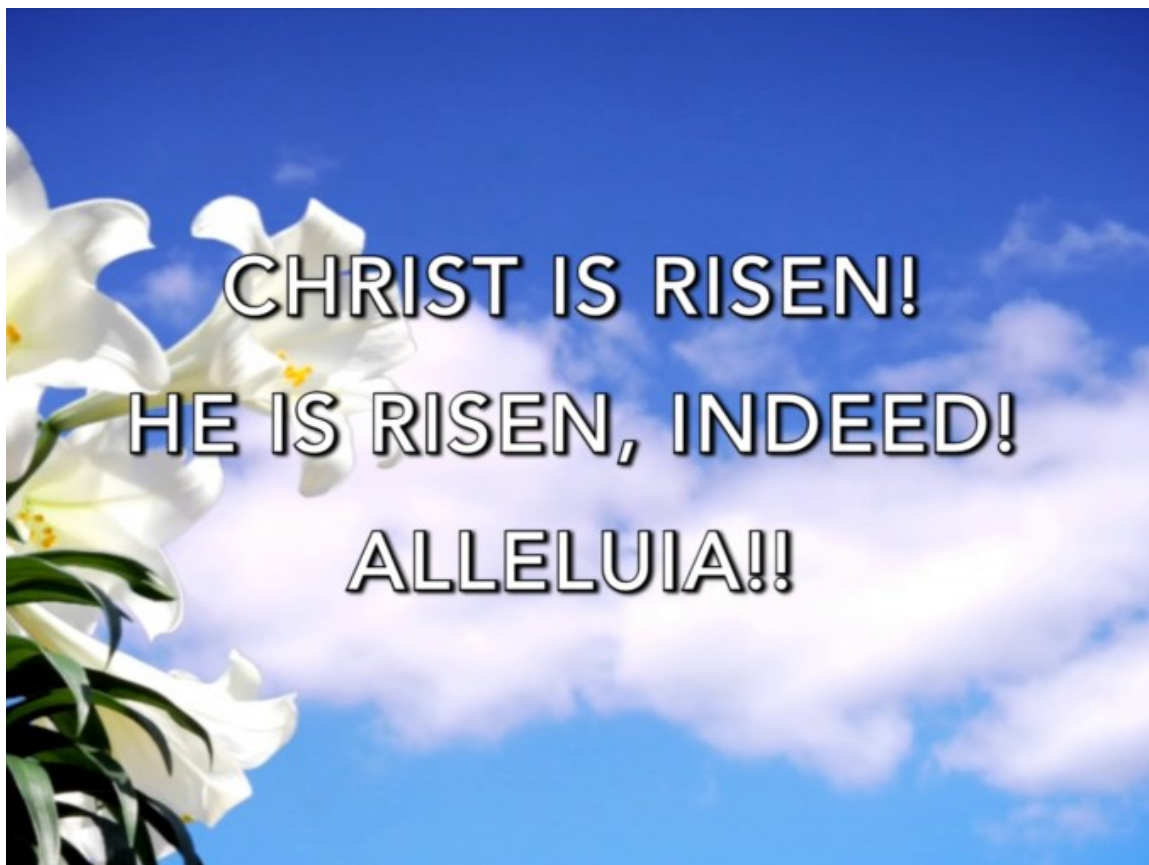
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All clothing must be loose. No low cut tops. For women, slacks and a long sleeve top and closed toe shoes and socks are recommended. This promises to be a very interesting visit!

Second Sunday Lunch Bunch. This will begin in June – June 9. Lately, some of us were talking about this being a fun thing to do – go out for lunch following Sunday Worship. I brought the idea to Council and they liked the idea, commenting that we used to do this pre-Covid. So, we'll give it a try and see if you like doing this. Tentatively, the first place we'll go is to the Wittmond Hotel in Brussels. We'll carpool for this, too and there will be a sign-up sheet so that I can make reservations. Future dining spots are likely to be closer, but those of us talking about this dining out together idea have fond memories of lunch at the Wittmond, have not been there in years, and decided it would be lots of fun to go there again. I hope that you agree and will want to join the fun. Everyone is welcome!

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

Pastor Jan



President's Message

I don't believe there is a member amongst us, other than perhaps Brayden and Carter Broche-Brown, that are not aware of the classic sitcom I Love Lucy. Whether you still watch the show like me or just recall fond memories of the legendary classic, the biggest chunk of episodes usually revolved around Lucy, Ethel and Fred scheming a way into "helping" Ricky out with his show at the Tropicana. Usually, each episode ended with Ricky's show being a success, despite Lucy's antics.

Later this month, on April 27th, the Men's Club will be hosting the **Great Classic Music of the Era** concert at Resurrection. This will be followed by three more events during the summer called **Cars, Coffee and Community** being hosted on our church grounds. Details for these events are readily available in the flyers that began circulating on Sunday, March 24 in your bulletin. I don't know if you realized it or not, but these are golden opportunities for ALL OF US at Resurrection Lutheran Church to share His word, demonstrate outreach, witness, and/or invite our community to attend worship. I can't stress these words enough, as they directly reflect on our yearly theme, **Achieve, Believe and Proclaim !** We can't just let these glorious opportunities happen and slip by.

Recently, Dan Garner, chair of the Men's Club sat down with Council to give us a rundown of their planning, advertising and event details. While Dan and the Men's Club seem to have a grasp on where they are headed with all this, they can't do this alone ! I am currently working on getting additional support from the ladies of our Book Club and Sharon Groh has been in contact with our Scout Troop to name a few of the extra resources being called upon. Council has also purchased a 10 foot banner for the property to aid in the success of the Cars, Coffee and Community.

How will you be helping us? The easiest way for you to start is by helping us advertise. You will be receiving quite a few copies of the event flyers over the next few weeks. Yes, I am deliberately doing that to you. Additional copies are in the narthex for the taking. Please don't place the flyers back in the basket as you exit church . . . that helps no one. Instead, consider passing one along to a neighbor, friend or family member. Do you have a favorite waiter in a restaurant you might consider giving one to? What about your physical therapist, doctor or favorite nurse? Do you visit with other ladies at the hair salon who may be interested, who just might have a husband into cars? I could go on, but I think you get the idea here. I also encourage you to reach out to Dan Garner or myself on other ways you may offer your support.

Pastor Jan, Council and I want all of these events to be just as successful as Ricky's performances were. Whether your name is Lucy, Ethel or Fred how will you be scheming at Resurrection over the next few months?

Babalú
¡Babalú!
Babalú, ¡aye!
Babalú, aye
Oh Babalú, aye
Babalú, aye
¡Yeah, ey, yeah! . . .

Sincerely,
Neal Booth





News & Updates



Come join us for a *FREE* concert

Great Classic Music of the Era

performed by Thomas Taylor and Elizabeth Clark

Well known original artists hits including . . .

The Music Man, Josh Groban, Guys and Dolls, Phantom of the Opera, Leonard Cohen, Beauty and the Beast, Bette Midler "The Rose" & many more ! ! !



April 27th at 6pm

**Resurrection Lutheran Church
1211 Homer Adams Parkway, Godfrey IL**



Tell Your Friends and Family ! Everyone is invited to attend !

Brought to you by the Men's Club of Resurrection Lutheran

For more information call [618-466-2788](tel:618-466-2788) or email us at rlelca23@gmail.com



Community Garden

The Community Garden will kick off with a planning meeting **Sunday, April 7th** following worship. Please attend so we can plan out our year.

With the planting season upon us, the Community Garden needs monetary donations. Seeds, plant cages and a new hose reel are all needing to be purchased. Thank you to all who have generously donated.

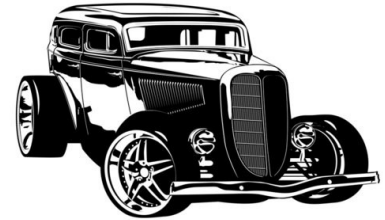
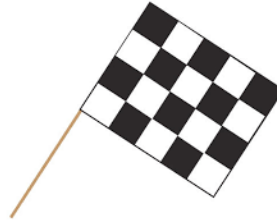
All are invited. Please consider volunteering some time for the many activities to ensure another successful Garden.

Thanks,
Mark Groh



Cars, Coffee and Community

May 18, July 20 and September 21, 8:30 - 11am.



Classics, Hot Rods, Trucks, Dune Buggies, Jeeps, Sports Cars & more !!!

Join us for Coffee and Sweets

*Many volunteers will be needed to help us **Achieve, Believe and Proclaim His Word.** These events will be community oriented and the perfect opportunity for us to witness at Resurrection Lutheran. "Nothing is more expensive than a missed opportunity."*



- 1. Our next meeting with dinner is Thurs., April 11. 6:00pm**
- 2. Work Day in the Church Garage, Sat., April 13, 8:30am**
- 3. Concert, Sat., April 27, 6:00pm**

Thanks, Dan Garner
618-792-1777



Graceful Nails

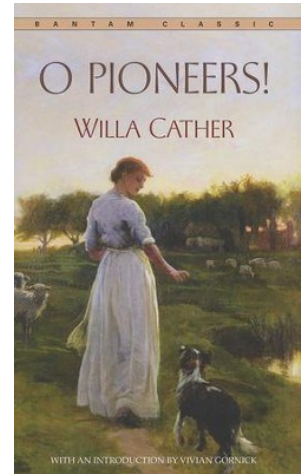
Graceful Nails at Evergreen Place Supported Living continues. Please consider volunteering just an hour of your time with us on **Saturday, April 27 at 1:45 (100 Glenhaven Dr., Alton).** The ladies enjoy receiving simple hand pampering, have fun choosing their nail polish colors, conversing with you, and sharing a good story or two. No experience required. Good listeners are as important as nail painters or hand massagers. Contact Sharon Groh with any questions at 404-432-3942



Book Club

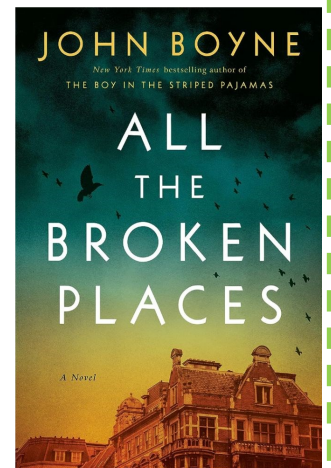
Our April meeting will be held on **April 11**, with Sharon Groh as the discussion leader. Her book choice is **O Pioneers !** by Willa Cather. It is available at the library.

Summary: "O Pioneers!" introduces us to the Bergsons, a family of Swedish-American immigrants who live in the fictional farm town of Hanover, Nebraska at the beginning of the 20th century. The story centers on the life of Alexandra Bergson, who inherits the family farm with her mother and three brothers when her father dies. Many years of crop failures force the Bergson's neighbors to give up and sell their farms, something that Alexandra's brothers Oscar and Lou wish to do but which Alexandra and her mother are unwilling to do. Instead Alexandra convinces the family to mortgage their homestead in order to buy up the surrounding acreage. Amidst the backdrop of managing the farm there develops two romantic relationships in the novel, one between Alexandra and her childhood friend Carl Linstrum, who returns after many years away, and another between Alexandra's youngest brother, Emil, and the unhappily married Marie Shabata. "O Pioneers!" is a classic portrayal of the struggles of immigrants in the great plains of America, a story of success in the face of hardship, and the growth of a young woman along the way.



Karen Woods volunteered to be our leader for meeting on **May 9th**. Her book of choice is **All the Broken Places** by John Boyne. The book is available at the library.

Summary: All The Broken Places moves back and forth in time between Gretel's girlhood in Germany to present-day London as a woman whose life has been haunted by the past. Now, Gretel faces a similar crossroads to one she encountered long ago. Back then, she denied her own complicity, but now, faced with a chance to interrogate her guilt, grief and remorse, she can choose to save a young boy. If she does, she will be forced to reveal the secrets she has spent a lifetime protecting. This time, she can make a different choice than before—whatever the cost to herself....



We welcome anyone to come and join us, see and hear what an evening with us is like. Our group started in March of 2014 and we have achieved a lot of enjoyable hours of reading and great fellowship with each other.

Mark your calendars for April 11th and May 9th, 6:30 pm at church, when we meet for our monthly discussion time.

Ruth Wolter
618-433-1469

Good Shepherd Sunday offers the opportunity to open our hearts to welcome all into Jesus' abundant life.

Save the date! April 21, 2024

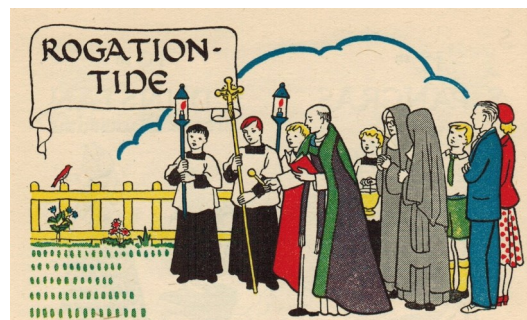


Lutheran Social Services of Illinois

A collection for Lutheran Social Services of Illinois will be taken on this date.

Rogate Sunday

Sunday, April 28 we will have a Blessing of the Fields and Commerce. As part of the Rogate celebration we will ask God's blessing upon the soil, seeds and water. During the final hymn we will process out of our worship space to the entrance hall. There will be a short scripture reading and then the prayers. At the close of the blessing you will be invited to take home a packet of seeds to plant in your garden.



Wood Cleaning

A 2nd wood-care day has been scheduled for April 14 after worship. Dress accordingly. Many hands make light work. The wood-care process this past fall took about 30 minutes thanks to all the help.

Properties Committee

The Properties Committee has a WORK DAY scheduled for Saturday, **May 4th**, 8am to 12noon. We will be trimming, weeding, painting the bottom of the light standards in the parking lot, picking up sticks around the property and, possibly, pressure washing the shed. Please let either Dan or Carol Callahan know if you will be able to help. Many hands make quick work. Thank you!



Social Ministry



Resurrection Lutheran Church is the Charter Organization for Boy Scout Troop 8007. So, what does this mean?

For over 100 years, Boy Scouts has helped create generations of leaders and outstanding citizens by allowing boys, and beginning in 2019 girls, to explore their interests, serve their communities, and discover their talents through youth-led activities like hiking, camping, and volunteering!

- Troop 8007 currently has 13 boys ages 11-17 with several new Cub Scouts “Crossing Over” aka joining in April.
- Four youth are working on their Eagle Scout Service projects. This is an important milestone because it represents the spirit of caring and giving, as well as leadership to others through proper planning and development.

As the new Boy Scout Representative for Resurrection, and the parent of three sons who were Boy Scouts – two of whom moved on to Order of the Arrow, I am a supporter of the Program. The Boy Scouts of America provides a youth program of character development, outdoor adventure, and values-based leadership training.

Results of recent meetings with adult and youth leaders to increase engagement between church members and Scouts:

- Plans to help Men’s Club with roadside clean-up and assisting with events, if needed
- Helping with Community Garden
- Assisting with Spring / Fall Property Clean – Up Days
- Organizing Scout materials in Sunday School room
- Inviting Resurrection members and friends to share skills and interests as speakers or assist with badgework
- My active involvement and support in monthly Troop Committee meetings

Sharon Groh

Social Ministry Team Leader



A volunteer is needed to help expand our social media presence on both Instagram and X (formerly Twitter). The accounts are already created, we just need someone to put life into them via posting. If interested, please contact Pastor Jan. She can provide more details on the task. Thanks.

Highlight's from Church Council – March

REPORTS

- * **Treasurer's Report:** Total offering for February was \$13,132.22. Lenten offering for the selected charities was \$380.00. Total income was \$13,311.94. Total expenses for February were \$11,068.26.
- * **President's Report:** Neal requested Dan Garner to attend the March Council meeting to get a rundown of where the Men's Club is with the upcoming events. Council wants to offer full support to maximize outreach with these golden opportunities to witness and show outreach to the community. Neal made a motion to purchase an outdoor banner, up to \$100, to advertise the Cars, Coffee & Community. This banner will be on display throughout the summer. Motion passed unanimously. Neal is also orchestrating with Dan on ways to get the word out to the community, including flyers that the congregation can take home and share with their neighbors.
- * **Pastor's Report:**
 - A 2nd wood-care day has been scheduled for April 14 after worship. Many hands make light work. The wood-care process this past fall took about 30 minutes thanks to all the helpers.
 - Pastor is arranging a trip to the Daar-ul-Islam Mosque in Ballwin to correlate with the adult study on the Islamic religion. Lunch at a Halal restaurant will happen before or after the tour. Stay tuned for more details.
 - The idea of a "Second Sunday Lunch Bunch" that would meet for lunch/brunch the 2nd Sunday after worship was presented. Several members of Council advised such a group existed pre Covid and it would be great to return that kind of fellowship return. Dates to be determined after Easter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- * **Men's Club:** Dan shared with Council his agenda for the Concert. The genre of music has changed from easy listening and classic rock to show-tunes. Programs with advertising opportunities/sponsors will be assembled for the Concert. There will be a meet and greet with refreshments following the concert. Dan also shared some preliminary steps already being taken for the Cars, Coffee & Community events. On Council's advice, pens advertising Resurrection were purchased. Grab bags with goodies was being looked into. Advertising for all events is being handled by Bill Stoutenborough and Dan via Facebook with various local car clubs. The Men's Group is also sponsoring a boy's baseball team again via Godfrey Parks and Recreation.

NEW BUSINESS

- * For those unaware, Robin Lusardi has moved to Columbus, Ohio, leaving the Vice President's position open. We will be looking into replacement candidates.
- * Council voted to contract with Sick Lawn Care and Landscape at the cost of \$200 per cut this year. Although we had no issues with Clark's, Sisk will include weed control for the landscaping. As of writing this, they have already done the first cut and treated for weeds.

OLD BUSINESS

- * Neal and Kay are actively getting quotes on banners to advertise special services like Veterans Day, Lent, etc. . . Both Council and the Worship Committee are supportive of the idea as it's something physically seen by people driving by the church that catches the eye. So far, the cost of large banners seem to be very affordable from Neal's findings.



And walk in the way
of love, just as Christ
loved us and gave
himself up for us
as a fragrant offering
and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

DailyVerses.net



- 4 Jonathan Vick
Kevin Vick
- 5 Kay Tucker
- 10 Rod Margherio
- 11 Audrey Rhea
- 24 Mike Tillman
- 26 Sandy Bagwill
Bev Steinfeldt
- 30 Carter Brown

HAPPY
Wedding
ANNIVERSARY

- 8 David and Ann Isringhausen
- 16 James and Vivian Hinemann

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

FINANCIAL STATUS – March 2024

GENERAL FUNDS CASH FLOW **\$2,243.68**

GENERAL FUND BALANCE **\$23,176.91**

GENERAL FUNDS DETAIL	<u>2/1/2024 - 2/29/2024</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Income		
Offering	\$13,132.22	\$24,599.66
Lenten Offering	\$380.00	\$380.00
Other Income	\$179.72	\$429.59
Total General Fund In- come	\$13,311.94	\$25,029.25
Expenses		
Benevolence	\$275.00	\$1,550.00
Building and Grounds	\$1,467.08	\$2,897.39
Christian Education	\$0.00	\$0.00
Church Mortgage	\$2,608.00	\$5,216.00
Evangelism	\$0.00	\$0.00
Insurance	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
Office	\$370.80	\$832.96
Personnel Costs	\$679.99	\$1,518.28
Personnel Salaries	\$4,946.70	\$9,471.30
Social Ministry	\$0.00	\$0.00
Stewardship Supplies	\$0.00	\$161.73
Worship	\$220.69	\$410.48
Total General Fund Expenses	\$11,068.26	\$23,058.14
General Funds Cash Flow	\$2,243.68	\$1,971.11

We have a parishioner who pays annually, so there was a “bump” in offering this month. The Lenten Offering was not added in since it has been designated outside our walls.

April 2024

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Adult Study 9am Worship 10am Community Garden and Worship Cmt. 11 am	8 Young Hall in use 10am	9	10	11 Men's Club at Church 6pm Book Club at Church 6:30pm	12	13 Men's Club Work Day 8:30am
14 Adult Study 9am Worship 10am Wood Care 11am	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Adult Study 9am Worship 10am Council Meeting 11am	22	23	24	25	26 Newsletter Deadline	27 Graceful Nails 1:45 Classic Music of the Era Concert 6pm
28 Adult Study 9am Worship 10am	29	30	Rev. Jan S. Worms gracious@miwest.net Office Hours by appointment 618-250-1608			

Rev. Jan S. Worms, Interim

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