

the Resurrectionist

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

IDIOMS & PHRASES

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

ALL HANDS ON DECK



MEANING

When someone uses this phrase, they are saying that everybody needs to pitch in and do the task at hand.

ORIGIN

The phrase **all hands on deck** finds its origin at sea, where the command was used when all sailors were required to assist when an emergency occurred.

EXAMPLES

- The fire service, police, and ambulance had **all hands on deck** to deal with the emergency.
- Right kids, we need to get this house tidy, **all hands on deck**, please.
- It was **all hands on deck** as they worked flat out over a weekend in March.
- With only half an hour to get everything ready, it was **all hands on deck**.
- It's **all hands on deck** as the crew work as a team to make the show look its best.

The conversation is happening in a school.

CONVERSATION

Person 1: "We need to get the school ready for the dance on Friday."

Person 2: "Who will be doing the work?"

Person 1: "Everyone, we will need **all hands on deck** if we are going to get done in time."



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Good, exciting things continue to happen here at Resurrection. I hope that you have marked your calendars for the three car shows coming up. Please invite your friends and neighbors to stop by for coffee, sweets, conversation and fellowship, all happening while we admire some gorgeous cars of all sorts.

Second Sunday Lunch Bunch begins June 9. So, what is this? About a month ago, somehow Rod and Cheryl Margherio and I got to talking about our good experiences and memories of eating at the Wittmond Hotel in Brussels. We were wondering if it was still open and wouldn't it be fun to go eat there. And so was born the idea of a "**Second Sunday Lunch Bunch.**" I presented the idea to council, and they heartily approved! Following worship all are welcome to gather for lunch at a local restaurant. Our first eating place will be the Wittmond Hotel. For those not familiar, the Wittmond Hotel is an old restaurant that is on the National Register of Historic Places. At one time, they offered rooms to rent to travelers. Now, it is a restaurant that is only open Friday, Saturday and Sunday. They serve only one family-style meal and is it ever a memorable meal! Fried Chicken and Sausage with all the trimmings . . . mashed potatoes, corn, green beans and such. All of it delicious! A special dessert cobbler is available at an extra cost as is roast beef which is \$1.00 more per serving. The price is about \$25.00 a person, which is more than I anticipate most of our Lunch Bunch meals will cost. But at the Wittmond, you're not just getting a terrific meal, you get the historic atmosphere and great memories with your meal.

I remember as a little kid, my parents ate at the Wittmond several times with the couple's club at their church. I didn't get to experience it for myself until many years later. It is worth it and it is memorable. I hope that you will want to join us.

There will be a sign-up sheet, I will make reservations and provide directions to get there from church. We'll carpool for the excursion. Mark a big circle on your calendar for **June 9**.



The upcoming car shows present a wonderful opportunity for us to share our church and our faith with others. Have you ever heard it said “I’m a Christian, but I don’t need to go to church. I can pray anywhere.” Yes, this is true, but I honestly believe that God intends us to be a part of a church community. Here are some thoughts for you to consider in response to the question of “Why do I need a church?” I’m quoting a Methodist pastor, C Don Jones, who answers the question superbly.

Mutual Help

Community is like experience. You don’t feel the need for it until you need it. People find themselves alone in the hard times of life. They also can find themselves alone at times that should be celebrated. Churches provide community. Kurt Vonnegut wrote the novel Slapstick as a means to discuss the need for extended families. New parents need help. They may have help from family. And they may have help from churches. Established families receiving a new child need these connections even more. There are other children to care for in addition to the new arrival that consume most of the parents’ time.

The same problem presents itself when a loved one is ill. Being a caregiver is a huge burden that should really be shared. Christians should be involved in churches that provide aid for one another. Nurture ministries are a large part of church life. Signing up and showing up for each other should be an important part of choosing a church home.

The Need to Share Worship

Does your congregation pray for each other? We are all aware of the pitfall that a church can become self-focused and only be concerned about its members. The church meeting for shared worship is often discounted by people. When I (C Don Jones) was at the lowest point in my life, having experienced public humiliation and embarrassed by my addiction, I decided to risk going to church. Why? Because I was seeking something I knew only the church could provide me – other people who will worship with me. The music may not have been what I wanted. I had no idea how I would react to the sermon. Putting these things together though was worship no matter what my view of the quality would be.

Shared worship is one of the major reasons churches exist. We need to greet each other, sing together, and pray together. Our God hears us in our disconnection to the larger community and in our attempt to have community that is beneficial.

Co-Existence

Christians need congregations in order to co-exist with our neighbors. This is a more nuanced viewpoint. Shared worship and the practice of mutual aid helps us learn how to live among people who think differently. Spiritual discipline teaches us to live in peace and patience with each other. We then have the discipline to do live in patience and peace with people who do not practice these things.

Neighbors irritate us. We should remember that we irritate them in some way. If we expand the parable of the Good Samaritan, the practice of loving the injured stranger is understood to

develop out of the worship of Samaritans. However the ancient Samaritans observed torah in their community, the actions of neighborliness came from this observance. The commandment “You shall love your neighbor as yourself” was taught and kept by the Samaritan community. Mutual love of one’s coreligionist becomes love for the stranger.

Growing In Understanding

I can read scripture, theology, and everything else and believe I have some idea about what is right, moral, ethical, and true. However, until I test these ideas, their implications and applications with other Christians, I do not really grow in understanding and wisdom.

Deepening our own experiences of grace and truth requires this be shared among others. I have high opinions of my opinions. Knowing my opinions are truly valid requires discussion with someone else. The first step is learning how to explain my ideas to another person without attempting to persuade. The next step is listening. Group discussions are better for this kind of testing.

The Meaning of These 4 Reasons

You need a church. Christians need connection for all of the reasons stated above. I recognize that it is not easy. It is why many of us fail to take part in churches. We have to exert effort to build up communities of disciples. Churches are changing in many ways. The old truth remains. Our neighbors need us. The neglected and marginalized need us. We need to encourage each other in these efforts.

Special thanks to the Men’s Club for sponsoring a wonderful concert last Saturday. Let’s do it again!

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

Pastor Jan





Community Attracts the Holy Spirit

Acts 2:46–47: Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

The book of Acts made a habit of people meeting together, eating together, and worshipping together. Being in church on Sundays is definitely important, but community in any place can involve God.

In today's everchanging world, we don't change the Christian message. The message changes us and our approach with the world around us. A Christian's beliefs centers around the relationship between the believer and God based on messages seen and heard in the Bible. The gospel and all of Scripture reinforces the truth that we were created for community.

God created us not to be isolated beings, but rather people who live with others. The primary way that we as Christians live in community is by belonging to the church. Resurrection Lutheran Church is a small congregation that was established in 1978 in the corner pocket of Alton and Godfrey. Forty-six years later, we are still here, some of us a bit older and some of us having joined sometime in the past four decades. We offer many opportunities to belong to the community via worship both in person and online. In addition, we have an Adult Study, a Men's Club, Ladies Book Club, Scout Troop, Community Garden and collect for charitable causes like the Boys & Girls Club of Alton, the Oasis Women's Center and Renee's Pet Rescue which we generously supported this past Lent.

On Saturday, May 18 Resurrection will be sponsoring the first of three "Cars Coffee & Community" where the local community is invited to join **US** and view classic cars, hot rods and dune buggies, etc. And of course, we will be serving coffee as the name suggests. What will your role be in this community event?

ALL HANDS ON DECK will be needed to make this a smooth sail, reflecting on our yearly theme **ACHIEVE, BELIEVE AND PROCLAIM**. Ruth and the ladies will be assisting with coffee and promoting the Book Club. I will be serving as a greeter and provide general assistance as needed. Sharon Groh is reaching out to our Scouts. **If you haven't found a way to serve both your church community and your local community, please contact Dan Garner. He and the men can't do this alone !**

Thank you,
Neal Booth



News & Updates



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!



Total Lenten Offerings: \$1803.21

\$601.07 was dispersed to each of the following:

- Boys & Girls Club of Alton
- Oasis Women's Center
- Renee's Rescue

Many thanks go to all who helped make our Concert a success !

- First, I must thank Carol Garner for her patience and guidance throughout the planning and her Fellowship responsibilities with refreshments
- Our sound crew Dan Callahan and Rich Kelley
- Ushers Tim Belfield, Fred Tieman, Joe Wyatt and Neal Booth
- Kay Tucker and Bill Stoutenborough for various tasks
- Our program creators Teresa Droste and Janet Broche
- Men's Club Members Gary Neese, Mark Groh, Keith Collier, Mike Golec, Jim Lieber, Jim Heinemann and Kevin and Jonathan Vick
- Council members, Pastor Jan Worms and Fellowship members
- All those who made outstanding. Delicious treats !

**It takes a church family to
ACHIEVE, BELIEVE and PROCLAIM !**



Dan Garner

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."*



Our next meeting is Thursday, May 9 at 6 pm. Dinner will be served.

Cars Coffee & Community Work Day May 18, 8a -12p

Thanks, Dan Garner

618-792-1777

Community Garden

Our Resurrection Community Garden team has been very busy with the start of Spring. As the tilling and planting has begun, we are trying to **Achieve** our goal of another bountiful year of vegetable donations for the Alton Crisis Food Center. Vegetable selections were made after gathering input from Food Center staff on user needs, likes/dislikes and suggestions for cultural preferences. The team **Believes** God's goodness will be experienced as existing friendships grow and new friends are made.

Thank you for garden-designated donations. However, we need an additional \$500. A lesson learned from Year One was to improve the efficiency of watering the garden. A water line extending from the shed to the garden needs to be buried so it will not obstruct the mowing of the grass. Rich Kelley has someone donating their labor and trenching machine. The funds required are for the materials.

As the seeds sprout and drivers pass the garden, we can **Proclaim** God's abundant love for both the workers and the receivers.

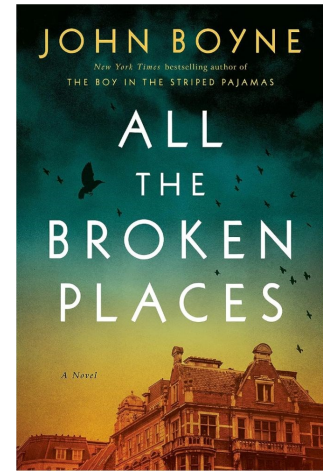
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Mark Groh
402-937-3748



Book Club

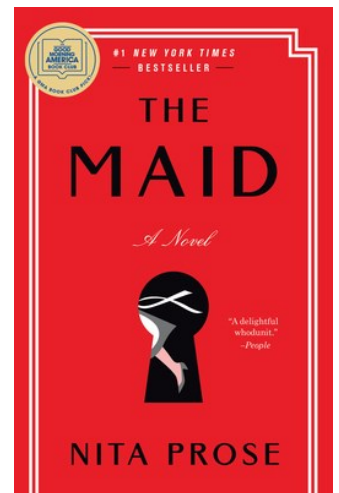
Karen Woods volunteered to be our leader for meeting on **May 9th**. Her book of choice is **All the Broken Places**, by John Boyne. The book is available at the library.

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....



Teresa Droste has offered to be our discussion leader for our **June 13th** Book Club meeting. Her book choice is **The Maid** by **Nita Prose**. It is available at the library.

Summary: "A dead body is one mess she can't clean up on her own. Molly Gray is not like everyone else. She struggles with social skills and often misreads people's intentions. But no matter--she still throws herself with gusto into her work as a hotel maid at the five-star Regency Grand. Her obsessive love of cleaning and proper etiquette makes her an ideal fit for the job. She delights in donning her crisp uniform each morning, stocking her cart with miniature soaps, and returning guest rooms to a state of perfection. But Molly's orderly life is upended the day she enters the suite of the infamous and wealthy Charles Black, only to find Mr. Black dead--very dead--in his bed. Perplexed by Molly's unusual behavior, the police immediately suspect her of murder. She's soon caught in a web of deception with no idea how to untangle herself. Fortunately for Molly, friends she never knew she had joined her in a search for clues about what really happened to Mr. Black--but will they be able to find the real killer before it's too late?"--



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 May 9th and June 13th, 6:30 pm at church, when we meet for our monthly discussion time.

Ruth Wolter
618-433-1469

Social Committee

Do you **believe** you know someone who is having difficulty paying utility bills? As friends and family become sick or homebound, living expenses often become difficult to pay with limited income. When you visit, pass along the following community resources that help with payments:

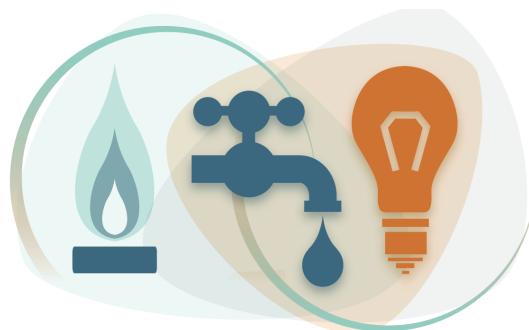
- Riverbend Family Ministries at (618) 251-9790
- St Ambrose Church Heating and Cooling Fund at (618) 466-2921
- Salvation Army at (618) 465-0331
- Urban League Madison County at (618) 463-1906
- Senior Services Plus (618) 465-3298

Cash donations from the above organizations are limited. However, income-eligible programs through Ameren Illinois will likely be suggested by the organizations mentioned above. Application assistance is typically provided.

- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) provides federally funded assistance to help families manage energy costs.
- Warm Neighbors Cool Friends (WNCFF), a year-round heating and cooling assistance program to help those who generally do not qualify for financial assistance from other government or non-profit programs.
- Requests for Waiver of Deposits & late payment charges of an income-eligible customer

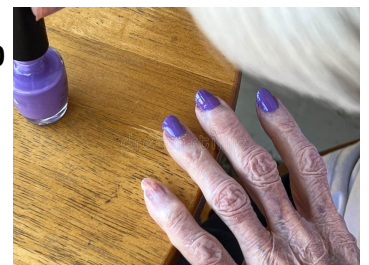
Proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ includes sharing how to pay increasingly high costs to remain independent in order to live at home with dignity. Let's remember the members of our congregation and community who are aged and sick, and possibly struggling financially. Who can you check on (and pray with)?

Sharon Groh,
Social Ministry
402-432-3942



Graceful Nails

Graceful Nails at Evergreen Place Supported Living continues. Please consider volunteering just an hour of your time with us on **Saturday, May 25 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 402-432-3942





DONATING BLOOD ONLY TAKES ABOUT AN HOUR.

Can you spare one?



American
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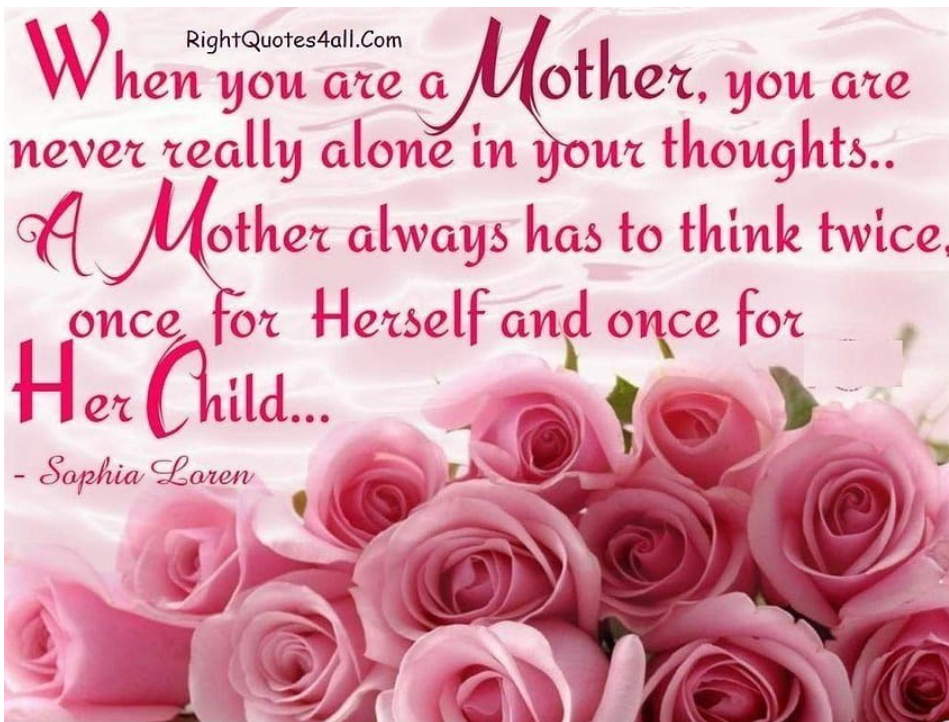
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Quarterly Meeting

Our first quarterly meeting is a little past due. Personal schedules and recent church activities have kept us all fairly occupied the past two months. However, we are having our first one on Sunday, June 2 following worship. This is a time for you to meet with Council, generate some new ideas, share your concerns, provide feedback, discuss any conflicts of interest, etc. . . We want and need to hear it from you directly . . .

That's the only way we can work on solutions and develop goals for the future.

Please plan on attending.



"Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America will never forget their sacrifices."

Harry S Truman

Highlight's from Church Council – April

REPORTS

- * **Treasurer's Report:** Total offering for March was \$16,943.76. Total income was \$17,854.79. Total expenses were \$13,103.99. We had a \$350 bill for shingle repairs and slight increases in salary for Pastor and Russ due to extra services.
- * **President's Report:** Neal presented the banner that Council ordered for the Cars Coffee and Community. He discussed ideas for the message on a Veteran's Day banner, the next one that will be ordered.
- * **Pastor's Report:**
 - Pastor appreciated all those that helped clean and protect the wood on April 14.
 - The Visit to Dar-Ul-Islam is May 5. As of writing this at least 10 people are signed up.
 - The study of Islam will conclude in April or early May. The next topic for Adult Study is "Civic Life and Faith," a study prepared by ELCA. Videos and Participant Guides are included.
 - Beyond July, pastor would like to add a 2nd office day to better fulfill obligations like visiting the homebound and those sick and/or hospitalized. Her goal is to offer communion at least twice a month to those unable to attend worship. She would like to increase that frequency to 3 or 4 times a month by recruiting and training members to assist her. Details to follow as summer approaches.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- * **Social Committee:** Sharon Groh briefly shared with us two proposals for feedback. She would like to partner with Taylor Neese to interview church leaders and highlight results on the bulletin board, social media, etc. This will be a condensed version of "I am Lutheran" model. She has also asked the Boy Scouts to help with Men's Club bench building/painting and/or garden prep/planting. She has encouraged them to participate in the spring workday, the concert and Cars Coffee and Community.
- * **Men's Club:** Concert plans appear to be finalized as of our meeting. Neal invited several area churches to attend. Plans for the Cars Coffee and Community continue. Neal has also secured a 30-cup coffee pot to aid in these events. We thank Dan Garner and the men for their diligence in planning these events.
- * **Book Club:** Neal invited Ruth and the Book Club to host a table at the Cars Coffee and Community. Ruth accepted, is working on a flyer and they will be assisting with coffee and fellowship/witnessing.
- * **Community Garden:** Mark Groh reached out to the Alton Food bank and obtained a list of needed vegetables. Planting took place on 4/13. They do not need squash, zucchini and/or cucumbers as those already come from Godfrey's Community Garden.

NEW BUSINESS

- * Mike Golec has accepted the position of Vice President to replace Robin Lusardi who has moved to Ohio. We thank Mike for stepping up to help us out the remainder of the year.
- * Two items were tabled pending further research- contracting a cleaning service and a trash service. The time has come for both services to be implemented into our budget due to age, health restrictions and limited availability of members already stretched thin due to other church related commitments.

- * A new transport chair is in the process of being secured to aid those wishing to attend who need assistance from their vehicle to the sanctuary.
- * Dan Callahan is securing prices on replacing the fencing around the 4 air conditioning units that face Homer Adams and Delmar.
- * Pastor Jan, Rich Kelley and Elyse Tillman will be attending the 2024 Synod Assembly.



16 Karen Woods
31 Mark Groh

HAPPY
Wedding
ANNIVERSARY

10 Tim and Ruth Belfield
18 Dan and Carol Garner
19 Forrest & Mary Elizabeth Jackson
21 David and Kay Tucker
22 Mike and Elyse Tillman

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

DEDICATED FUNDS BALANCE	\$68,090.54
GENERAL FUNDS CASH FLOW	\$4,750.80
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	\$27,737.55

GENERAL FUNDS DETAIL	<u>3/1/2024 -</u> <u>3/31/2024</u>	<u>YEAR TO</u> <u>DATE</u>
Income		
Offering	\$16,943.76	\$41,543.42
Lenten Offering	\$1,423.21	\$1,803.21
Other Income	\$911.03	\$1,340.62
Total General Fund Income	\$17,854.79	\$42,884.04
Expenses		
Benevolence	\$305.00	\$1,855.00
Building and Grounds	\$1,935.36	\$4,832.75
Christian Education	\$0.00	\$0.00
Church Mortgage	\$2,608.00	\$7,824.00
Evangelism	\$60.89	\$60.89
Insurance	\$500.00	\$1,500.00
Office	\$426.57	\$1,259.53
Personnel Costs	\$728.08	\$2,246.36
Personnel Salaries	\$6,142.87	\$15,614.17
Social Ministry	\$0.00	\$0.00
Stewardship Supplies	\$0.00	\$161.73
Worship	\$397.22	\$807.70
Total General Fund Expenses	\$13,103.99	\$36,162.13
General Funds Cash Flow	\$4,750.80	\$6,721.91

We have a parishioner who pays quarterly and Easter offerings, so there was a "bump" in offerings this month. The Lenten Offering was not added, since it will be sent outside our walls.



May 2024

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<p>Rev. Jan S. Worms gracious@miwest.net Office Hours by appointment 618-250-1608</p>			1	2	3	4
5 Adult Study 9am Worship 10am	6	7 Scouts 7pm	8 Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm	9 Book Club at Church 6:30 pm Men's Club at Church with Dinner 6 pm	10	11
12 Adult Study 9am Worship 10am	13 Young Hall in use 10a-2p	14 Scouts 7pm	15	16	17	18 Cars Coffee & Community 8:30 am
19 Adult Study 9am Worship 10am	20 Young Hall in use 1 pm	21 Scouts 7pm	22	23	24	25 Newsletter Deadline
26 Adult Study 9am Worship 10am	27	28 Scouts 7pm Council Meeting 7pm	29 Blood Drive 1-5 pm	30	31	

Rev. Jan S. Worms, Interim

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

Neal Booth, President
Mike Golec, Vice-President
Teresa Droste, Secretary
Kay Tucker, Treasurer
Vicki Baggio & Wendy Reinbold,
Alan Robertson & Sherry Wyatt, *At Large Members*

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Service Time:
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