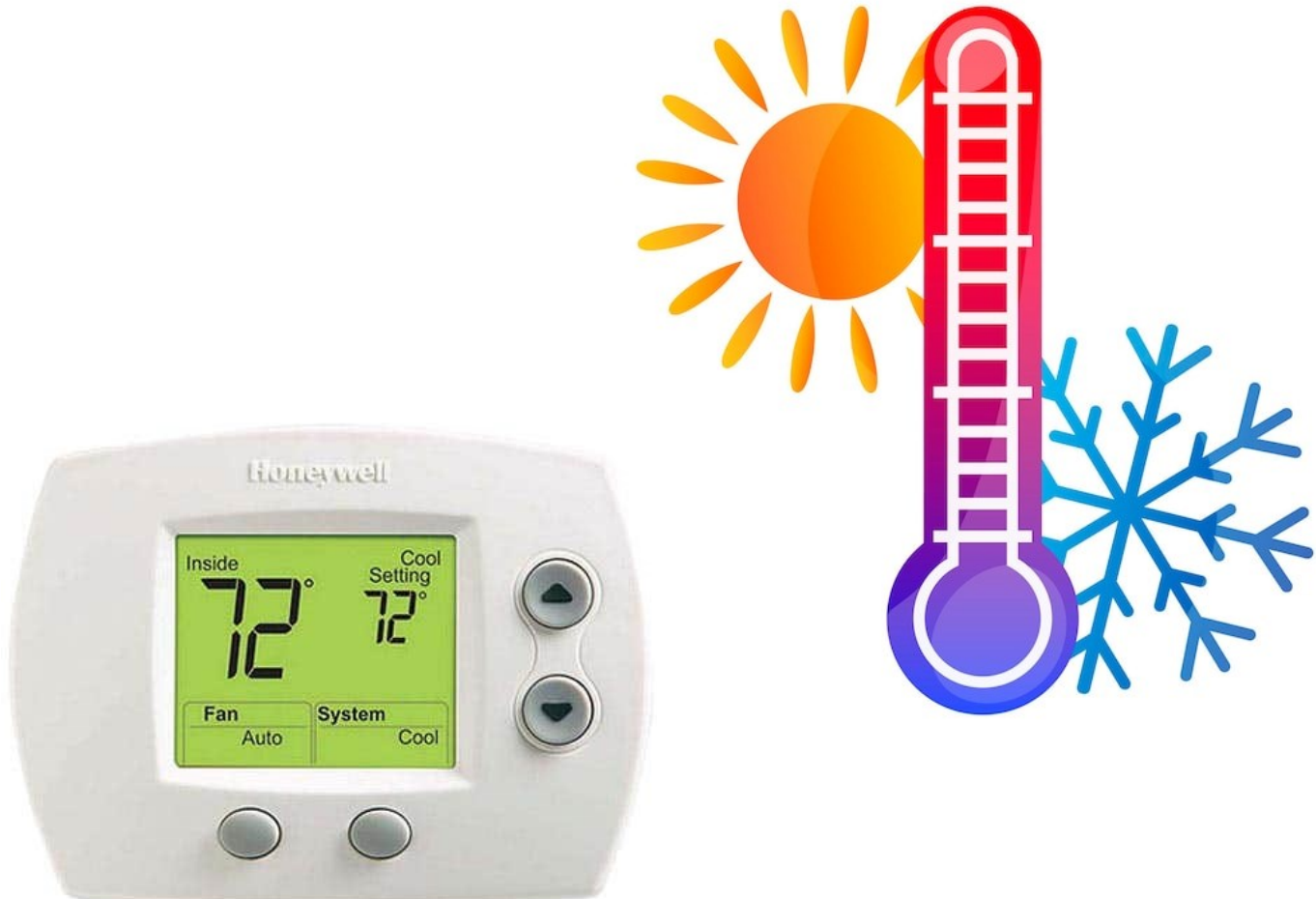


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Resurrectionist

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

As the first day of summer approaches on June 20th, stop and ask yourself . . .

What temperature are you set on ?



Thermostats and thermometers both deal in temperature but in very different ways. One measures the temperature and one defines it.

It's common to hear about thermometers these days. With seasonal waves of Covid, it seems that some are obsessed (and rightfully so) with measuring body temperature. With record setting heat trends becoming the norm for the Greater Metro St. Louis area, some may find themselves frequently looking at an outdoor thermometer near a window, or the one on their vehicle dashboard, or even the one on their phone/tablet. And, I bet there is even one or two of us that quite possibly uses one at the grill to double check BBQ masterpieces for that perfect internal temperature.

During the last two weeks of May, we have experienced quite the extremes of weather here locally. We saw several days of record high temperatures during the daytime, often followed by heavy downpours and severe weather during the late afternoon or evening. We had temperatures at or near 90 and woke up to mid 60s. If you're like me, you probably found yourself having to change the thermostat setting in the house just trying to keep up and make it more comfortable inside.

Anyone can be a measure of temperature (whether in culture or for a person) by observing what others think and how they live. However, you could also be like a thermostat. Those people are people of integrity. They set the temperature for their culture by following God's Word. Paul encouraged his son in Timothy with these words. He said, "Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity" ([1 Timothy 4:12](#)). It seems the world around us sets the temperature in which we live. As humans, we want to fit in, fly under the radar, and go with the ups and downs of life without being changed. We merely live by the temperature set for us by others in our culture.

Today, I want to urge you to have a standard for integrity, meaning to live with purpose. We set the temperature by refusing to "conform to the pattern of the world, but are transformed by the renewing of our minds" ([Romans 12:2](#)).

We set the tone of our world when we choose to fill our minds with God's Word. His Truth can help change our hearts, minds, and attitudes. Go to God's Word today! God promises that He will go with you and guide you as you live for Him.

"Father, thank You for Your Word and how it has the power to change our hearts and minds with Truth. You walk with us in our daily lives and give us the power to set a good example of how to follow You. Please show us the ways to grow as we follow You. We praise You for Your Word. Amen."

God's Blessings to you this summer,
Neal Booth



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Summer may be coming but that doesn't mean things slow up here at Resurrection. We have a lot to look forward to in the coming weeks and months.

Sunday, June 2, is our **quarterly congregational meeting** after worship. This informational meeting is your opportunity to hear about what our council is doing for us and for you to ask any questions that you may have.

Sunday, June 9, our **Second Sunday Lunch Bunch** kicks off with a visit to the Wittmond Hotel in Brussels, Illinois. The menu is family style, all-you-can eat fried chicken, sausage and roast beef with all the traditional sides. It's \$20/person with drinks and dessert extra. We'll gather after worship to carpool to the Wittmond for delicious food and a wonderful experience. If you'd like to go, please sign up by June 2 so that I can make reservations for us. Please note that the Wittmond accepts **cash or checks only**. Suggestions for future Lunch Bunch options are very welcome!

June 6-8 Rich Kelly, Elise Tillman and I are attending the **Annual Synod Assembly** in Decatur, IL as your representatives. We'll have a report for you when we return.

Sunday, June 23, we will gather after worship for food and a **reception to honor our musician, Russ Henkhaus**, and to wish him well in his retirement. Russ is an exemplary musician and will be greatly missed! Council is planning the festivities for this day. Watch for more details in the weeks ahead.

Sunday, July 28 the Faithful Innovations and Social Ministry teams are hosting a **potluck and a speaker**. We'll learn about our service project for the "God's Work, Our Hands" day of service in September. We have a very interesting and worthwhile service project planned. Bring a dish to share and come and enjoy good food and learn all about what we will be doing.

Our Sunday Morning Adult Study continues studying and learning about "**Faith and Civic Life.**" This study by the ELCA churchwide organization introduces us an upcoming social statement from the ELCA on this topic. In the midst of a contentious election year, it is good learning for all of us as we reflect on what it means to be a Lutheran Christian living in a society filled with divisions.

And there is more. Continue reading our newsletter for more information and upcoming activities.

From me and my little gray cat, Lilly,

Peace to you and yours,

Pastor Jan



News & Updates



Second Sunday Lunch Brunch

Second Sunday Lunch Bunch, June 9th following worship. *RSVP by June 2nd.*

Our first meal together will be the Wittmond Hotel. 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. Hope to see you join us !!!



Properties Committee



Thank you to all who came out on May 4th to spruce up the church property. Ruth, Carol and Pat cleaned up the landscaping. Neal pulled weeds around back and trimmed back the grass around the brick borders. Sharon painted the concrete lamp posts. Joe sprayed for weeds and bugs. And, Rich and Jim pressure washed the outbuilding to name a few of the many tasks completed.

Our first quarterly meeting is a little past due as 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 of our congregation. **Please plan on attending.**



Our next meeting is Thursday, June 13. . .

Adopt a Highway cleanup at 5pm - Dinner at 6pm - Meeting at 7pm

Thanks, Dan Garner
618-792-1777

Cars, Coffee and Community



July 20 and September 21
8:30 - 11am



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

Join us for Coffee and Sweets

**A huge thanks to all those who helped make our first show a success.
One down two to go!**



Although our time with Russ Henkhaus has been shorter than we would have liked, we want to wish Russ the very best in the next chapter of his life, with whatever adventures it may bring him.

Russ has dedicated the better part of his years sitting on a small bench behind an organ every weekend. Now, he can venture out without that weekly commitment. Thanks for all the service, above and beyond our expectations that you have given us here at Resurrection. Your talents will be missed. God's Blessings !!!

Russ' last service with us will be June 23. Light refreshments and snacks will follow our worship. Please join us to say farewell.

Community Garden

"Our **belief** in God's blessings provided us with needed rain and sunshine so that all the vegetables will grow for a bountiful harvest."

"We **achieved** our monetary goals through generous donations. A heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone."

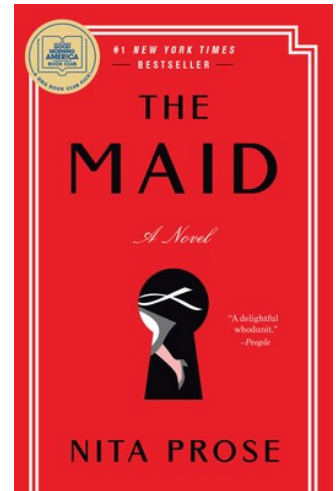
"God's goodness was **proclaimed** in our first harvest of early vegetables. We donated 14.5 lbs of lettuce and Chinese cabbage to the Alton Food Crisis Center."

If you would like to offer your assistance in the Community Garden, whatever amount of time it may be, please contact Mark Groh at 402-937-3748

Book Club

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?"--



THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN JULY

July is a month when many take vacations or have family get-togethers to celebrate and **proclaim** the freedoms of our great country, America. It can also be used as a time to sit back, relax, and read an interesting book you heard about, but never got around to reading. Take some well-deserved time for yourself. . . reading a good book can take your mind off any current problems of the day. **Believe** me, it works.

Have a safe and happy holiday with family and friends,

Ruth Wolter

618-433-1469

Sponsored Youth Baseball

- ◆ Come and support our Men's Club sponsored team !
- ◆ This is a 12 year old league with our very own Brayden Broche on the field.
- ◆ Games will be played at both Jerseyville Park, 300 June St., Jerseyville & Glazebrook Park, 1401 Stamper Ln, Godfrey
- ◆ Official schedule can be found below
<https://teamsideline.com/sites/godfrey/schedule/524554/12U-Baseball>

	Jerseyville	Glazebrook
	<u>Diamond B</u>	<u>Diamond D</u>
6/1 Sat		9:00 a.m.
6/4 Tues	6:00 p.m.	
6/6 Thur	6:00 p.m.	
6/8 Sat		9:00 a.m.
6/11 Tues		6:00 p.m.
6/13 Thur		6:00 p.m.
6/15 Sat		9:00 a.m.
6/22 Sat		9:00 a.m.

Social Committee

Human beings are social creatures. Our connection to others enables us to survive and thrive. Absent these social connections, we struggle. Yet, as we age, changes in our lives – such as retirement, caregiving responsibilities, loss of friends and neighbors, not being able to drive, or changes in some of our daily functioning – can increase the risk of loneliness and isolation.

Not being able to attend worship services or other church activities further adds to social isolation.

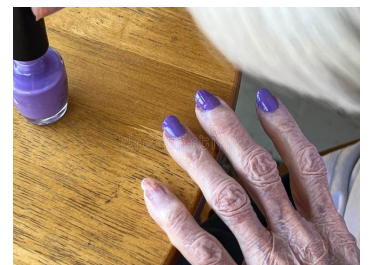
- ♥ I encourage you to remember friends or members of our congregation who are no longer able to attend but remain on our prayer list by sending a card, making a phone call, or scheduling a visit, if possible. The same challenge for anyone who may be absent for several Sundays, let them know they are missed.
- ♥ Donated greeting cards are available to anyone to send to church or family members, and friends. You will find them in a basket in the narthex. Help yourself.
- ♥ Believe in the importance of Christian fellowship and support.

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, June 22 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



Editor's Commentary

Resurrection recently held a **FREE** concert, a **FREE** visit to an Islamic temple and a **FREE** community-based car show. If you weren't already involved, my question to you is, where were you ???

All these events seemed to be missing one element, **YOU**, as evidenced by exceptionally light attendance. These types of events cannot be a complete success without the support of our members, even if that's just a brief appearance, for just a couple of minutes. Please reflect on the ways you are showing your support for Resurrection as a whole. Involvement is more than just attending Sunday service !

Resurrection has adequately:

1. Shared the message.
2. Offered ways to serve.
3. Established small groups to participate in.
4. Planned fun events and activities.
5. Spread the word.

As additional opportunities present themselves, consider being a thermostat, not a thermometer. Remember that a thermometer is passive. It records the temperature of the environment but can do nothing to change that environment. A thermostat is an active instrument. It determines what the environment will be. It effects change in order to create a climate.

Food for thought...

Often times, we do nothing because we feel as if to make any difference we have to partake in some monumental effort. What is the one degree increase we can make to influence our environment?



Highlight's from Church Council – May

REPORTS

- * **Treasurer's Report:** Total offering for April was \$10,518.22. Total income was \$11,717.33. Total expenses were \$11,257.38. This was an average month. The only unusual expense was the purchase of a wheelchair for church use.
- * **President's Report:** Neal shared with council that the Vice President's position is open. Mike Golec has returned to his former church. Three candidates will be contacted.
- * **Pastor's Report:**
 - Pastor was approached about concerns with Radon in the building. Council tabled this until our next meeting to get quotes on an inspection.
 - The Men's Club will be contacted to check and label windows for operation and replace screens as needed so that one window in each room of the church can be opened for ventilation.
 - Concerns with keys, who has one, and to what, will be addressed as the former master list is gone. Kay Tucker will be contacting members directly to fulfill this obligation. Neal and Pastor will be the only two members with keys to the lock box per established church guidelines.
 - Elyse Tillman, Rich Kelley and Pastor Jan will be attending the Synod Assembly June 6-8. Registration fees and lodging will be paid. A motion was made and passed to provide each person a \$50 -day stipend.
 - Pastor is in the process of developing a Planning and Implementation Team. The team will have priorities to include evangelism/outreach, re-evaluate committees, address visitations, address home bound Holy Eucharist and long-term planning to name a few.
 - Sunday Adult Study continues with "Faith and Civic Life." The next study will be "Experiencing God," followed by "The American Religious Experience." All studies include video and a participant guide.
 - Bible Study and Board Games is a future activity being considered for possible fellowship.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

* **Social Committee:** Sharon Groh is actively working with members of our community to prepare for a meaningful "God's Work, Our Hands" service project this fall. To learn more, attend a potluck dinner on Sunday, July 28.

* **Technology Team:**



It has come to our attention that unknown users are linking their phones to our church's main Wi-Fi account. At least 10 users were on the main account during the Cars, Coffee and Community event. This is completely unacceptable. Dan Callahan has Council's full support to start revoking unnecessary access. Moving forward, Dan and the Tech Team will determine who shall have access and why.

* **Scouts:** The Scouts hung flags on State and Henry Street on May 25th in honor of Memorial Day. Twelve youth and 6 adults are registered for the Lake of the Ozarks Reservation summer camp June 23-29. The Scouts have been approached about assisting us with God's Work, Our Hands. Sharon Groh is preparing packets to be shared with the congregation so that members with a trade or talent amongst us may consider sharing their expertise with a Scout who is working on a merit badge.

NEW BUSINESS

- * Council approved Margie Snep as our replacement of an at-large member.
- * Council will contact Fellowship to provide farewell refreshments for Russ following worship on June 23.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

- * Council voted to accept the bid from Superior Fence to place new, 4ft white vinyl privacy fence around the AC compressors on the back side of the church.
- * Council is actively searching for a cleaning service. A list of weekly duties was created. Council felt that a company vs. an independent person would better suit our needs. More to follow as we begin contacting local businesses.
- * Obtaining trash service has been mentioned numerous times to Council over the past two years. Council was ready to accept a more than reasonable bid from Republic Services, but members insist this is not necessary. The idea will be considered null and void at this time.



9 Alan Robertson
10 Marilyn Otis
23 Bill Stoutenborough
26 Pastor Bill Veith



9 Bill and Fay Stoutenborough
11 Tammy and Gary Neese
17 Alan and Cyndi Robertson

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

FINANCIAL STATUS – April 2024

DEDICATED FUNDS BALANCE	\$81,511.73
GENERAL FUNDS CASH FLOW	\$459.95
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	\$15,747.29

GENERAL FUNDS DETAIL	<u>4/1/2024 -</u> <u>4/30/2024</u>	<u>YEAR TO</u> <u>DATE</u>
Income		
Offering	\$10,518.22	\$52,061.64
Lenten Offering		\$1,803.21
Other Income	\$1,199.11	\$2,539.73
Total General Fund Income	\$11,717.33	\$54,601.37
Expenses		
Benevolence	\$275.00	\$2,130.00
Building and Grounds	\$2,396.93	\$7,215.72
Christian Education	\$0.00	\$0.00
Church Mortgage	\$2,608.00	\$10,432.00
Evangelism	\$0.00	\$60.89
Insurance	\$500.00	\$2,000.00
Office	\$353.49	\$1,613.02
Personnel Costs	\$919.81	\$3,166.17
Personnel Salaries	\$3,861.08	\$19,475.25
Social Ministry	\$0.00	\$0.00
Stewardship Supplies	\$0.00	\$161.73
Worship	\$343.07	\$1,160.77
Total General Fund Expenses	\$11,257.38	\$47,415.55
General Funds Cash Flow	\$459.95	\$7,185.82

The Dedicated Funds balance (Money Market) is increased due to a transfer of excess funds from the General Fund (Checking Account) of \$12,000.





Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p>Rev. Jan S. Worms gracious@miwest.net Office Hours by appointment 618-250-1608</p>						1
2 Adult Study 9am Worship 10am	3	4	5	6 7 8 Synod Assembly - Pastor will be in Decatur		
9 Adult Study 9am Worship 10am Lunch Bunch outing 11am	10	11 Scouts 7pm	12 Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm	13 Men's Club at Church 5p Book Club at Church 6:30pm	14	15
16 Adult Study 9am Worship 10am	17	18 Scouts 7pm	19	20	21	22
23 Adult Study 9am Worship 10am Reception for Russ 11am	24	25 Scouts 7pm Newsletter Deadline	26	27	28	29
30 Adult Study 9am Worship 10am						

Rev. Jan S. Worms, Interim

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VACANT, Vice-President
Teresa Droste, Secretary
Kay Tucker, Treasurer
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Alan Robertson, Margie Snep & Sherry Wyatt

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