

the Resurrectionist

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



Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ~ [1 Peter 5:6-7](#)



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

2nd Sunday Lunch Bunch goes to “Baker & Hale” on August 14 after Worship. This local favorite features locally sourced “farm to table” ingredients in their menu items. Baked goods from “Dukes.” Meats from “Wenneman.” Vegetables and herbs from their on-site garden. You get the idea. The Sunday Lunch Special is fried chicken. Or chose a sandwich, or another yummy entrée. Please sign up by Sunday, August 4, if you would like to join us

Lots of planning is happening at Resurrection. Here are three of the new projects/events rolling out in September.

I hope that you are excited about our “Smoke alarm/CO Detector” installation project kicking off on September 8 (God’s Work Our Hands). Our goal is to install 50 smoke alarms and fire detectors for needy folks in Alton and Godfrey. Sharon Groh has devoted many, many hours to organizing and planning this event. Check out her updates elsewhere in this newsletter for the most recent updates. This is an outreach and service project for all of us at Resurrection and there is a way for every one of us to be involved. Prayers, support, and volunteers are needed and welcome!

The PI Team (Planning and Implementation) had a very productive planning meeting in August. The first project we hope to implement in September is bringing Holy Communion to our homebound members. If you would like to volunteer to do this, please let me know. This is likely to take a couple hours of your time every six to eight weeks. This is a fruitful ministry for both those who bring Holy Communion and for those who receive it. It is vital that we build relationships with all of the people of Resurrection. Bringing Holy Communion to those who are homebound deepens our ties to each other as members of the Body of Christ. This is an opportunity to build meaningful relationships and to share the abundant love that our God has for each and every one of us.

In September we begin a new focus topic in our Sunday morning Adult Study: “Experiencing God.” From the course description: “Enter into an authentic encounter with a God who enters human history and transforms our destiny from death to life. Ten Luther Seminary scholars and teachers of the church connect us with the God who is present as Creator, Savior and Spirit.” The course includes video and a discussion guide. Experiencing God is an intimate glimpse into the heart of God that will help form a mature image of the triune God.

Special thanks to Teresa Droste for her excellent work in our administrative office as Janet Broche has been away from the office during her surgery and treatments. We welcome Janet back to the office in August. We are greatly blessed to have both Janet and Teresa for the many ways that they help our church day to day.

Enjoy August! Peace to you and yours from me and my little gray cat, Lilly.

Pastor Jan
Interim Pastor



News & Updates



Cars, Coffee and Community

Last Show -September 21, 8:30 - 11am.



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

Join us for Coffee and Sweets

Dan Garner
618-792-1777



Our next meeting is Thurs., August 8th. Dinner at 6 and meeting at 7pm.

Thanks, Dan Garner
618-792-1777

Second Sunday Lunch Bunch



The 2nd Sunday Lunch Bunch will be visiting Baker and Hale in Godfrey on August, 11 following worship. RSVP your name on the sign-up sheet in the narthex by Sunday, Aug. 4th. We look forward to you joining the group for food and fellowship !



Book Club



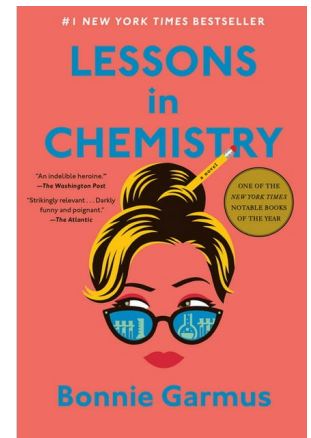
On **August 8th**, we will have an evening of good food, fun and fellowship at a Santino's at 6:30 pm. *RSVP with Ruth by noon on the 8th.*

In **September**, Vickie Baggio has volunteered to be the discussion leader. Her book choice is **Lessons in Chemistry** by **Bonnie Garmus**. Our local library does not have the book, but they can get the book through several other libraries. The good news is what I saw they are all in large print. This should give everyone plenty of time to get the book read by September 12th.

Chemist Elizabeth Zott is not your average woman. In fact, Elizabeth Zott would be the first to point out that there is no such thing as an average woman. But it's the early 1960s and her all-male team at Hastings Research Institute takes a very unscientific view of equality. Except for one: Calvin Evans; the lonely, brilliant, Nobel-prize nominated grudge-holder who falls in love with—of all things—her mind. True chemistry results.

*But like science, life is unpredictable. Which is why a few years later Elizabeth Zott finds herself not only a single mother, but the reluctant star of America's most beloved cooking show *Supper at Six*. Elizabeth's unusual approach to cooking ("combine one tablespoon acetic acid with a pinch of sodium chloride") proves revolutionary. But as her following grows, not everyone is happy. Because as it turns out, Elizabeth Zott isn't just teaching women to cook. She's daring them to change the status quo.*

*Laugh-out-loud funny, shrewdly observant, and studded with a dazzling cast of supporting characters, *Lessons in Chemistry* is as original and vibrant as its protagonist.*



Thanks,

Ruth Wolter

618-433-1469

Community Garden

With the dog days of summer upon us, the Community Garden continues to **achieve** a bountiful harvest. We have donated green beans, cucumbers, okra, and cabbage to Alton Crisis Food Center this month. With God's grace there will be much more of these veggies to harvest. A large crop of tomatoes are ripening on the vine which we believe should be around 300 lbs. We **achieve** all of this with the wonderful volunteers helping water, weed, and harvest the fruits of the garden. Your help is still needed for watering, weeding, and harvesting. Please contact Bob Doerr at 618-980-4726 or Mark Groh at 402-937-3748 if you can volunteer.



Bishop Eaton addresses political violence

July 16, 2024

For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us (Ephesians 2:14).

Just a few weeks ago in my June column for *Living Lutheran* I wrote, "I can't think of an election cycle more fraught and divisive than this one. People all across the political spectrum claim that life as we know it is on the line. It's not possible to agree to disagree—one must decide and put a stake in the ground. There is the potential for violence." That potential is now a reality after last weekend's shooting at a Trump campaign rally that killed Corey D. Comperatore and injured other attendees. I am thankful that former President Trump's injury was minor and pray for his recovery alongside those affected.

I also wrote, "But division and violence don't have to be our inevitable future." I believe this and that God calls this church to say a definitive "no" to political violence now and in the future. Political violence has a long history but no place in democracy. This church belongs to God, and our unity in Christ is a grace-filled and healing gift in a fractured society. As the ELCA we have theological and community resources to meet this moment through worship, discipleship and civic engagement.

In the face of violence, God's resolve for peace in human communities is unshakable. In proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ's forgiveness, healing and new life, the church addresses the ultimate root of violence. God calls us as church together in this moment to hear and embody this good news by embracing our identity as peacemakers through active civic engagement grounded in our baptismal identity and our institutional witness to foster justice, racial and social equity, reconciliation, and healing with compassion and imagination.

Last weekend's shooting has distressed and destabilized our nation. Political violence breeds fear and can set in motion cycles of violence that will further shatter us. Consider how, as individuals and communities in our life together, you will:

- Confess and confront the violent tendencies within ourselves and our society.
- Resist use of dehumanizing language about people with different political leanings.
- Build bridges of curiosity and compassion with people who think differently.
- Find ways to cultivate the practices of nonviolence in civic life.

Our inevitable future belongs to God. In this certainty and bound together in Christian hope, consider how you can join me in ongoing prayer and actions for our nation, a peaceful election season, the safety of candidates for office, and a bold and life-giving witness of our church in the time ahead.

In Christ,

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

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A prayer from [Worship Resources for a National Election](#)

Click on the above link for more readings and prayers.

Holy God,
out of your great love for the world,
your Word became flesh to live among us
and to reconcile us to you and to one another.
Rekindle among us the gift of your Spirit
that we might live as one new humanity in Christ,
dismantling the walls that divide,
ending the hostility between us,
and proclaiming peace to those who are near
and to those who are far away;
through Christ Jesus, in whom we all have access,
in the one Spirit to you,
both now and forever. Amen.

God's Work Our Hands - The BIG Reveal !

First, if you missed the potluck lunch on July 28th, you missed out on a feast! **A BIG thanks to all those that contributed some great food** and especially to Sharon Groh and her planning team for setting up the reveal of this year's service project. We might be small, but we sure are mighty when it comes to putting on a spread. Hopefully the same reflects with this year's project for **God's Work Our Hands taking place Sept. 8th**. We will be providing Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Detectors in homes throughout Alton and Godfrey with the assistance of our local Fire Departments. Following worship, teams of 3, some accompanied by an off-duty firefighter will be visiting homes in need of one of these devices, setting them up and briefly speaking to them about Resurrection. Collections for fire alarms and carbon monoxide detectors will begin now. **Fire alarms must be those with a 10-year battery. Carbon monoxide detectors must be either the plug-in type or the ceiling/wall mount and must specify "Nighthawk" on them. Cash donations will be accepted as well. VOLUNTEERS will be needed !!!** Since this is still a work in progress, with details changing as the fire departments are collaborating, please save your receipts just in case. Stay tuned for more details.



Social Committee



God's work.
Our hands.

On Sunday, September 8, congregations of the ELCA will join together for "God's work. Our hands." Sunday, our annual day of service. This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ — every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life — flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

Leaders from each of the Committees and Teams from Resurrection Church have been working together as one Team for the past two months. The members include Pastor Jan, Rich Kelley, Ruth Wolter, Carol Callahan, Jim Lieber, Teresa Droste, Sherry Wyatt, Dan Garner, and Sharon Groh.

We prayerfully selected this year's project from several worthwhile ideas. It was important that our Day of Service demonstrate our commitment to service in the community. We **believe** it is critical that we let people know God's love is open to all. We are choosing to show this love in a practical, public safety service activity.

Say what?

Resurrection Church is partnering with the Alton Fire Department, Godfrey Fire Protection District, and Boy Scout Troop 8007. On September 8, 2024, from 11:15 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Teams of three will be installing smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors in our neighbor's homes.

How will we **achieve** this?

- Your help is needed! We set an achievable goal of receiving donations of a minimum of 50 devices or \$1,000. We have received \$250 from Thrivent Financial toward our goal.
 - Smoke alarms must have a 10-year battery life, any brand.
 - Carbon monoxide detectors must specify "Nighthawk" technology, be a plug-in or ceiling/wall mountable. No desk/countertop models will be permitted.
 - A sample donation letter is available for anyone's use in securing devices or funds.
 - Let us know if you are aware of a homeowner who needs a device installed, perhaps a friend, family member or someone in our church family? Low income and persons with a disability will be given priority.

- Sharon Groh is coordinating the referrals and installation teams with the Fire Departments, Boy Scouts & Resurrection:
 - Eligible applicants are screened and will be required to sign a “Participant Waiver/ Hold Harmless Agreement.”
 - Teams of three volunteers will be assigned and provided information about each household. One person will visit with the homeowner and two will complete installation. All equipment and tools will be taken with each team, including a first aid kit. Batteries will be replaced in smoke alarms, based on availability and time. Gift bags will be shared with homeowners (ministry information, granola bar, fire safety education, etc.). Volunteers include off-duty firefighters, Boy Scouts, church volunteers, family members, and others, if interested. Resurrection volunteers will wear their church t-shirts. All volunteers will wear nametags for security purposes. Remember, **YOU ARE NEEDED !** Do you have a voice? If yes, then you can be the important person visiting with the homeowner. No physical requirements are necessary, just a willingness to be present and show kindness.
 - We need volunteers to prepare sack lunches to be taken with the volunteers. We plan to leave immediately after worship. The number of installations will keep us busy with little time to spare.
 - Prayer warriors. Pray for open hearts of the homeowners and safety for all as we **proclaim** God’s love to our neighbors as we do God’s work.



Achieve, Believe and Proclaim



Highlight's from Church Council – July

REPORTS

- * **Treasurer's Report:** Total offering for May was \$12,447.38. A \$2,500 donation was received. Community Garden donations were \$1,230. Total income for the month was \$13,867.09 with total expenses coming in at \$11,285.67. Total offering for June was \$15,523.33. We had a parishioner's quarterly contribution accounting for the boost. Total income was \$15,840.43 and total expenses were \$12,122.59. Council unanimously voted to move \$40,000 from the Reserve Funds into two CDs. \$20,000 will be invested for 7 months with a rate of 5.05% and \$20,000 will be invested for 12 months with a rate of 4.75%. Both CDs will be invested with the Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA. We are thrilled to be at this point financially and putting our savings to better use.
- * **President's Report:** Neal updated us on several Committee Reports. We also had a potential candidate for our organist position meet with us and briefly play for us. He was offered the position, but after prayerful consideration, declined, realizing we needed a more skilled organist. In the meantime, Principia College was contacted and has now posted a help wanted flyer for us.
- * **Pastor's Report:**
 - Several members were invited to the new PI (Planning and Implementation) Team. The first meeting was held July 18th where they received a run down on the goals to be accomplished, starting with the need to address the homebound and providing them communion. Materials and training for this task are underway.
 - Pastor attended the Interim Pastor Meeting in Springfield. Bottom line, the clergy shortage is grave. Most interims are now serving 3-5 years in their roles. New material "Discover and Invite" was introduced to better prepare congregations with their online ministry site profile, which is the information a pastor views when considering a call. Rich Kelley has the new material and has approached members of the Call Committee as well as the congregation with this rather involved task. This will most likely be a fall project.
 - "Second Sunday Lunch Bunch" at Dorothy's Tea Room was well attended with about 15 people enjoying good food and fellowship.
 - Pastor will be on vacation October 23—Nov. 4. A fill-in will be needed for Oct. 27th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- * **Tech Team:** Dan Callahan has properly addressed the Wi-Fi security issues.
- * **Memorial:** Fred Tiemann returned money originally intended for the purchase of a memorial bench. The Memorial Cmte. met on June 11 to discuss the needs of the Church and will be in communication with Fred soon regarding their decisions.
- * **Social:** Sharon Groh has been very busy making several new contacts/connections in our community and aligning all the necessary pieces for this year's God's Work Our Hands project. Resurrection's project was announced at the pot luck lunch on July 28th. We can't thank her enough for her dedication, time and talents !!!

NEW BUSINESS

- * Pastor's New Contract was reviewed with a motion made and unanimously passed to accept the changes. She will now be working two days a week in the office/field, plus Sunday. There will also be a few benefits added. If you haven't already realized it, she has shown true dedication above and beyond the norm to Resurrection .
- * We are thrilled that Bob Doerr has accepted the position of Vice-President for the remainder of the year, with the option of running again this fall to serve an additional 2 years.

OLD BUSINESS

- * Bids on cleaning services were reviewed. Two companies met with Sherry Wyatt. A motion was made and passed to accept Double Take Cleaning at the cost of \$125 weekly. A schedule of the tasks they will be doing has been put together. They are licensed, bonded and will provide their own supplies. Thank you Sherry for taking on this task.
- * After entering conversation far too many times over the past year, Council has decided that we will not be activating the burglar alarm at this time. There are too many folks coming and going that would have us being charged with false alarms from improper disarming/arming. However, Pass Security is still monitoring our fire alarms at this time.



* Kay has accounted for and documented all the keys to the church that we are aware of. **If Kay did not contact you and you possess a key to something, please let her know !** Anyone holding onto a key who no longer needs it is STRONGLY encouraged to return it. We know there are several of you in that position. . . there is just no need to keep it.



3 Beth Hoffmann
4 Vivian Heinemann
13 Sharon Groh
21 David Isringhausen
29 Jim Heinemann
Kirk Rhea
31 Charles Kelley

HAPPY
Wedding
ANNIVERSARY

10 Bruce and Vicki Baggio
16 Rod and Cheryl Margherio
18 Jim and Kathleen Lieber

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

FINANCIAL STATUS – July 2024

DEDICATED FUNDS BALANCE	\$85,233.36
GENERAL FUNDS CASH FLOW	\$3,717.84
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	\$22,447.44

	<u>6/1/2024 -</u> <u>6/30/2024</u>	<u>YEAR TO</u> <u>DATE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS DETAIL		
Income		
Offering	\$15,523.33	\$80,032.35
Lenten Offering		\$1,803.21
Other Income	\$317.10	\$4,276.54
Total General Fund Income	\$15,840.43	\$84,308.89
Expenses		
Benevolence	\$275.00	\$2,680.00
Building and Grounds	\$1,616.02	\$11,441.66
Christian Education	\$0.00	\$0.00
Church Mortgage	\$2,608.00	\$15,648.00
Evangelism	\$0.00	\$394.77
Insurance	\$500.00	\$3,000.00
Office	\$522.32	\$2,464.87
Personnel Costs	\$1,984.16	\$5,795.72
Personnel Salaries	\$3,951.88	\$27,138.33
Social Ministry	\$269.11	\$832.08
Stewardship Supplies	\$0.00	\$138.81
Worship	\$396.10	\$1,591.87
Total General Fund Expenses	\$12,122.59	\$71,126.11
General Funds Cash Flow	\$3,717.84	\$13,182.78

We have a parishioner who donates quarterly, so that accounts for the increase in offering for June. We also had some annual bills this month, so together we're still in the black. Praise God !





AUGUST 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Adult Study 9am Worship 10am Worship Cmte. 11am	5	6 Scouts 7pm	7	8 Men's Club at Church 6pm	9	10
11 Adult Study 9am Worship 10am 2nd Sunday Lunch Bunch at Baker and Hale 11am	12 Young Hall in use 10am	13 Scouts 7pm PI Team Meet- ing at 6:30 pm	14 Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm	15	16	17
18 Adult Study 9am Worship 10am Council Meeting 11am	19 Young Hall in use 10am	20 Scouts 7pm	21	22	23	24 Young Hall Baby Shower 2-4pm
25 Adult Study 9am Worship 10am PI Team Training for Homebound Communion 11am	26	27 Scouts 7pm	28 Newsletter Deadline	29	30	31

Rev. Jan S. Worms, Interim

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

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

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