

the
Resurrectionist

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



God Grant Me The Serenity
to Accept the Things
I Cannot Change...
Courage to Change
the Things I Can...
And the Wisdom
to Know the Difference...
In Jesus Name ~ Amen

Lori Vee Eastwood

September feels like the last burst of summer. Though not yet crisp, the air hints at the cooler weather to come. For some that enjoy hot, sun filled days it's coming too quickly. For others it can't be here soon enough. Either way we turn over a new leaf, saying goodbye to languid summer afternoons and enjoy a short interlude before the holiday crash begins. We can think of September as giving us a little breath between summer and autumn.

It's a new season representing summer's farewell and the cheerful introduction to autumn festivities. The grandkids are back in school. We slowly pull warmer layers out of the closets, we watch the leaves turn from green to golden, and we plan for the upcoming holiday season. Before you know it, it will be time to carve the pumpkins, then the turkey, ending it all with a ham.

As we take a few moments to look around and see all the beauty literally changing in front of our eyes, we know that soon enough those golden leaves will wither and drop to the ground leaving the trees bare and ready for new life. The "good news" is the fact that there are several bible verses that can help ground us through these changes or any others that may be challenging us. Here are a few for you to reflect on this month;

- * **Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. (Ezekiel 36:26)**
This reminds us that we can always change, if we were once hard we can become loving once again. Think back to the cold hard frozen ground and how it will become soft and spring back to life.
- * **It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore, keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery. (Galatians 5:1)**
Yes, once we are free from it continue to move forward. Try to stop looking back.
- * **I am coming quickly; hold firmly to what you have, so that no one will take your crown. (Revelation 3:11)**
This verse tells us to stay strong in the Lord, continue to read the bible, and stay strong against the enemy. Don't stray from God when troubles come, lean into him more at that point.
- * **But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how is it that you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles, to which you want to be enslaved all over again?" (Galatians 4:9)**
This verse tells us when we have been set free from something to not let it come back. When you feel like your stuck in a bad place, it can help remind us of how far God has brought us and that he will continue to lead the way.
- * **So Naomi returned, and with her Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter-in-law, who returned from the land of Moab. And they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest. (Ruth 1:22)**
The bible reminds us that no matter how far we have come or what has happened God will always bring you back into the light if he is with you.

- * **Then I shall give you rains in their season, so that the land will yield its produce and the trees of the field will bear their fruit. (Leviticus 26:4).**

This reminds us that God will always provide, he is our provider and we can trust him through all seasons.

- * **Do not worry then, saying, 'What are we to eat?' or 'What are we to drink?' or 'What are we to wear for clothing?' For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be provided to you. (Matthew 6:31-33)**

This bible verse tells us not to worry and that God is always there. He will provide for all of our needs, we just need to seek him first in everything we do.

- * **When the righteous cry for help, The Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. (Psalm 34:17)**

This bible verse is a great bible verse to remember when you are going through changes or have tough times ahead that you need guidance with! You can always pray and put your faith in God who will never abandon you.

Not everyone likes change. In fact some detest it, especially as they age. It can be scary and you aren't always sure you can trust that next step. Even though there will be some tough times ahead we can always trust in God.

Happy Fall
Neal Booth





Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We've got a lot happening at Resurrection!

First up is "God's Work, Our Hands" Day of Service on Sunday, September 8. After Worship, we'll grab a quick lunch bag and then head out to install CO detectors for the needy, elderly and disabled homeowners in Alton and Godfrey who have requested our service. We will go in teams of three and will install a CO detector and hand out a goodie bag. Sharon Groh has done very good work to pull this all together. She has more details to pass along to you elsewhere in this newsletter.

After worship on September 22, we will celebrate that we have paid off our mortgage with a catered luncheon by Dorothy's Tea Room in East Alton. Before worship Ken Reuter and I have prepared special music. I'll be playing the beautiful alto recorder that I purchased with your Christmas Gift money. Neal has more details about the luncheon to share with you in this newsletter.

Looking ahead to October, we will be Blessing Pets after worship Sunday, October 6. Please bring your pet to worship that day, either on a leash or in a pet carrier. For some pets it is not a blessing to be at worship. They are welcome to be blessed – please bring a picture if your pet would prefer to stay at home. Pets will have the opportunity to receive a little bag of treats and a little charm for their collar or pet carrier (made by me under the supervision of my little gray cat, Lilly).

We are collecting pet items to donate to Godfrey's 5 A's and Hope Animal Shelters and to Alton Senior Services Plus. Alton Senior Services distributes pet food for the pets of seniors in need. For many of these seniors, their pet is a very treasured part of their life, providing comfort and companionship. There is a shopping list of most needed items in this newsletter. Please bring your donations to church any time after September 8.

With all of these activities, there will be no 2nd Sunday Lunch Bunch in September.

The PI Team (Planning and Implementation Team) is off to a great start. Distribution of Holy Communion to our homebound members will begin the week of September 8. Hearty thanks to those who volunteered to help with this project.

A blessed Autumn to you and yours from me and my little, gray cat, Lilly.

Pastor Jan





News & Updates



Cars, Coffee and Community



Last Show -September 21, 8:30 - 11

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

Join us for Coffee and Sweets

Dan Garner
618-792-1777

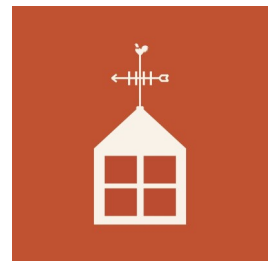


Our next meeting is Thurs., Sept. 5th. Dinner at 6 and meeting at 7pm.

Thanks, Dan Garner
618-792-1777

Second Sunday Lunch Bunch

The 2nd Sunday Lunch Bunch will not meet in September. We will resume with lunch on **October 13**, taking a trip to Harvest Home, a roadside family restaurant in Jerseyville, IL serving homemade favorites from hot griddled USDA beef smash burgers and fried chicken to breakfast all day and classic home cooking country suppers.



Adult Education

The study of "Civic Life and Faith" will be wrapping up in August. There will be no study Sept. 1, unless needing to catch up. The next study will be "Experiencing God" and begin either September 8th or 15th depending on what participants decide given that Sept. 8th we are already involved with the God's Work, Our Hands project.

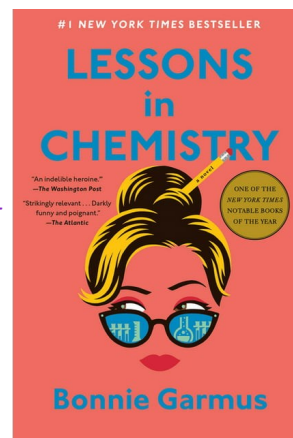
Book Club

Vickie Baggio has volunteered to be the discussion leader for our meeting on **September 12th at 6:30 pm**. 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 from 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.*



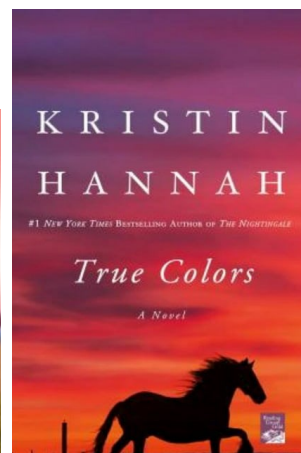
October the 10th, at 6:30 pm, Ruth Wolter will be the discussion leader and her book choice is **True Colors** by **Kristin Hannah**.

*Summary: The Grey sisters had only each other when their mother died. Their father provided for them physically on *Water's Edge*, the ranch that had been in their family for three generations, but he was emotionally absent. Growing up, the Grey sisters longed for love. Winona, an overweight dreamer, knew that she could never get it--she didn't have the talents and strengths her father valued. Vivi Ann did. But when Vivi Ann makes a fateful decision to follow her heart, rather than take the route of dutiful daughter, events are set in motion that will test the love and loyalty of sisterhood.*

Both books are available through the library. However, I do suggest to put your name/request in early for assurance of getting the book in time.

Enjoy, and see you at our Book Club meeting at the church. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Ruth Wolter
618-433-1469



On August 2, 2024, Resurrection Lutheran Church officially became
MORTGAGE FREE !!!



Join us for a catered Celebration Luncheon Sept. 22 at 11am

Lunch will be provided by Dorothy's Tea Room to include;

A variety of gourmet sandwiches including a 4 foot sandwich, hash brown casserole, baked beans, broccoli salad, deviled eggs, 7 layer salad, chips, fresh fruit, cupcakes, cheesecake, carrot cake, turtle cake, apple walnut bread pudding and both alcoholic/nonalcoholic wine.

This is a celebration of God's blessings to all of us here and our community. Council wishes to acknowledge the hours of labor and love both physically and financially that has enabled us to call 1211 W Homer Adams Pwky our 2nd home.

While the building may be paid for, it's also 32 years old and time for us to put some money back into our investment. **A kick-off collection will be taken to support the purchase of new entry doors to welcome worshipers new and old.**



Entertainment to include a burning of the mortgage.



Please indicate your attendance on the sign-up sheet in the narthex.



- Next PI Team meeting is Sept. 10, 6:30pm with the focus on outreach.
- October 6 will be Blessing of Pets. This year we plan on sponsoring a pet drive to benefit our local 5As, Hope Rescue and Senior Services Plus.
- Chili Drive Thru October 10, 17 & 24
- Veteran's Day Service with honors and special music arranged by Russ Henkhaus will be Sunday, November 10, 3pm
- Congregational meeting November 17th, 11am.



God's Work Our Hands

***** God's Work Our Hands takes 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 continue through the 8th. ***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, whether that be prayers, financial support, preparing sack lunches, visiting with our recipients or installing. Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex to indicate your level of help in this year's project.

All hands are needed to help us ACHIEVE, BELIEVE AND PROCLAIM !!!

Sharon Groh
402-432-3972





The Properties Committee has a **Work Day** scheduled for Saturday, **September 14th** from 8am to 12noon. We would like to trim bushes/trees, weed eat the ditch area, place concrete patio stones under fence at rear of church, fix downspout drain (causes water to enter Sanctuary during heavy rain), pick up sticks around the property and pressure wash the sidewalk. Please let either Dan or Carol Callahan know if you will be able to help. Many hands make quick work.

Thank you,
Carol & Dan Callahan

Blessing OF THE Animals



Sunday, October 6 at 11:00 A.M.

Resurrection Lutheran Church

1211 Homer Adams, Godfrey

All Pets must be on a leash or in a carrier

Social Committee

Research shows the most serious disease for older people is not cancer or heart disease – it's loneliness.

Pets offer affection, unconditional love, fight loneliness, and can help ease the loss of a loved one. Source: *"The Pets for the Elderly Foundation (PFE)" a 501 (c)(3) public charity whose mission is to provide companionship to senior individuals through pet ownership, while saving the lives of companion animals in shelters; animals which might otherwise be destroyed due to lack of appropriate homes, and space limitations,*

While any pet owner can certainly attest to the many benefits of living with a furry friend, research confirming the health benefits of senior pet ownership have appeared in many well-respected publications and medical journals.

Studies have shown that the bond between people and their pets can increase fitness, lower stress, and bring happiness to their owners. Some of the health benefits of having a pet include decreased blood pressure, decreased cholesterol and triglyceride levels, decreased feelings of loneliness and increased opportunities for socialization.

The organization's website (among many other well-respected sites on the internet) confirm these claims.

Read further at www.petsfortheelderly.org/our-work/research.php. Brief examples are shared below.

Pet Ownership and Cardiovascular Risk A Scientific Statement From the American Heart Association

Pet ownership, particularly dog ownership, may have some causal role in reducing CVD risk.

JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

Dog owners: Less heart disease and longer life?

The 12-year study included over 3.4 million Swedish adults ages 40 to 80. Using data from national health sources and dog ownership registries, researchers found that dog owners had a lower risk of death due to heart disease.

HARVARD HEART LETTER

Depression, loneliness, and pet attachment in homebound older adult cat and dog owners

JOURNAL OF MIND AND MEDICAL SCIENCES

Why Having a Pet (of Any Kind!) May Boost Your Mood and Keep Your Brain Healthy

Understanding how animals contribute to good health

CLEVELAND CLINIC "HEALTH ESSENTIALS"

For older adults, playing with pets can be a mentally stimulating activity. There is a reason dogs are emotional support animals. They know how to recognize signs of anxiety humans can't detect in others. Other benefits of pets often cited by professionals supporting seniors include:

- Interacting with animals can stimulate the release of feel-good chemicals in the brain that boost mood.
- Walking a pet can help strengthen muscles in the torso, arms, and legs and improve coordination.

Please help achieve our social ministry outreach mission within our community by supporting our elderly neighbors struggling to pay for the necessary pet food or cat litter. Any donation helps. Proceeds will be shared with local animal rescue organizations and Senior Services Plus for client distribution, as needed.

The Social Ministry Team will host a re-packaging party for any large bags needing to be re-sized for distribution following worship on October 6, 2024. Puppy Chow will be served (the human kind).

Highlight's from Church Council – August

REPORTS

- * **Treasurer's Report:** Total offering for July was \$9,787.22. Total income was \$10,100.97. We were down from previous years for the month, but still over for the year. Total expenses for the month were \$12,034.79. We paid our annual insurance and adjusted the monthly set-aside to cover a slight rate increase. We also adjusted the set-aside for the major repairs fund to \$2,000 a month as lingering projects including the roof, entry doors and damaged brick planter are all pending repairs within the next 2-3 years.
- * **President's Report:** Neal updated us on several Committee Reports. He also addressed picking a date and menu for the upcoming Mortgage Celebration. Council picked the date of Sept. 22 with catering provided by Dorothy's Tea Room, East Alton. Members of Council met on Tuesday Aug. 20 to select the menu. Neal made flyers and a sign-up sheet to accompany the announcements made in church.
- * **Pastor's Report:**
 - The PI team has met twice with a focus on organizing Homebound Communion. There are now 10 members signed up to assist in this service to our church family. Training for that took place on August 25th. Three, possibly 4 homebound members have been identified to receive communion. The next PI meeting will be Sept. 10 and focus on outreach.
 - Pastor has assembled a small prayer book to include in the goodie bags for God's Work, Our Hands project. This may also serve as a future tool in our outreach efforts.
 - A request to rent our sanctuary for a wedding was received by a local Godfrey resident and will be declined. Young Hall will be made available if they opt for that choice instead.
 - 2nd Sunday Lunch Bunch will not meet in Sept. as God's Work Our Hands lands on that weekend following worship. We will reconvene on October 13 and visit Harvest House in Jerseyville.
 - Blessing of the Pets service will be Oct. 6. The Worship Committee and Council approved a pet drive for October to benefit 5As, Hope Rescue and the Alton Senior Services Plus
 - Pastor will be on Vacation Sept. 30 – Nov. 1 relaxing in Michigan.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- * **Men's Club:** Council reviewed and approved the Men's Club sponsoring a Christmas Concert on Dec. 7, the Chili Drive on Oct. 10, 17 & 24 and having a Thrivent Representative visit our congregation (TBD).
- * **Memorial:** Due to overall conflict of interest and overassertiveness, the tentative projects suggested by the Memorial Committee following their meeting on June 11 will be tabled and/or resourced via other means. **No memorial committee funds will be spent at this time!**



October Pet Drive

5 A's, Hope Rescue and Alton Senior Services Plus are in need of . . .

- Bleach
- Cat Litter
- Purina Kitten Chow
- Purina Cat Food
- Purina Chicken/Lamb Dry Dog Food
- Kit n Kaboodle Dry Cat Food
- Any dry Dog Food
- Pup-Peroni Dog Treats Lean Beef Flavor
- Milk Bone Comfort Chews Rawhide Free Dog Treats
- Milk Bone Soft and Chewy Dog Treats, Beef and Filet Mignon Flavor
- Pet Ag Pet Lac Powder for Puppies
- Pedigree Choice Cuts in Gravy for Adult Dogs
- Brawny Paper Towels



A collection box will be placed in the narthex . . . cash donations may be given in place as well to purchase needed items.



- 2 Cindy Bonnell
- 6 Jerry Broche
- 9 Carol Callahan
- 19 Judy Ford
Joan Smith
- 20 Vicki Baggio

HAPPY
Wedding
ANNIVERSARY

None that we are aware of this month.

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	\$38,814.76
GENERAL FUNDS CASH FLOW	(\$1,933.82)
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	\$20,318.82

	<u>7/1/2024 -</u> <u>7/31/2024</u>	<u>YEAR TO</u> <u>DATE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS DETAIL		
Income		
Offering	\$9,787.22	\$89,819.57
Lenten Offering		\$1,803.21
Other Income	\$313.75	\$4,590.29
Total General Fund Income	\$10,100.97	\$94,409.86
Expenses		
Benevolence	\$275.00	\$2,955.00
Building and Grounds	\$2,298.63	\$13,740.29
Christian Education	\$0.00	\$0.00
Church Mortgage	\$2,608.00	\$18,256.00
Evangelism	\$0.00	\$394.77
Insurance	\$869.35	\$3,869.35
Office	\$426.89	\$2,891.76
Personnel Costs	\$1,078.92	\$6,874.64
Personnel Salaries	\$4,345.80	\$31,484.13
Social Ministry	\$74.89	\$906.97
Stewardship Supplies	\$0.00	\$138.81
Worship	\$57.31	\$1,649.18
Total General Fund Expenses	\$12,034.79	\$83,160.90
General Funds Cash Flow	(\$1,933.82)	\$11,248.96

The Money Market balance is greatly reduced because we installed a new fence behind the church and transferred \$40,000 for two CDs. The insurance figure is different as the annual premium was paid in July.



SEPTEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 10am	2	3 Scouts 7pm	4	5 Men's Club with Dinner 6pm	6	7
8 Adult Study 9am Worship 10am God's Work Our Hands 11am-	9	10 Scouts 7pm PI Team 6:30pm	11	12 Book Club 6:30pm	13	14
15 Adult Study 9am Worship 10am	16	17 Scouts 7pm Church Council 7pm	18	19	20	21
22 Adult Study 9am Worship 10am Mortgage Celebra- tion Lunch 11am	23	24 Scouts 7pm	25	26	27 Newsletter Deadline	28
29 Adult Study 9am Worship 10am	30	<p style="text-align: right;">Rev. Jan S. Worms gracious@miwest.net Office Hours by appointment 618-250-1608</p>				

Rev. Jan S. Worms, Interim

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