

the Resurrectionist

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



This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

1 John 1:5-7



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A busy September leads into an active Autumn here at Resurrection.

On the calendar:

October 6 – **Blessing of Pets** after Worship. All pets are welcome to attend worship and receive a special blessing. Pets will get treats and a collar charm made by me. The collar charm may be clipped to their collar, leash or carrier as a reminder to their humans that this pet is loved and blessed by God. Blessed to be a blessing for their humans, just as we are loved and blessed by God to be a blessing to others. Please bring your pet on a leash or in a carrier. Not all animals consider it a blessing to attend worship. This is true for many cats. If this includes your pet, you may bring a picture of your pet or a stuffed animal to represent your pet to receive a blessing “in absentia.”

Pet Drive for local animal shelters. We’re collecting food and other necessities for three local animal charities: the Alton Senior Services Plus provides seniors with free pet food, and two local no-kill animal shelters, Hope Rescue and 5A’s Animal Shelter are the recipients of our Pet Drive. There is a list of much needed items to donate found elsewhere in this newsletter. Please generously support this project. Bring your needed donations to church. After worship on October 6 we will put some of the dog and cat food into smaller bags for distribution by Senior Services Plus. People’s Puppy Show will be served!

October 13 – **2nd Sunday Lunch Bunch** resumes with a visit to Harvest Home in Jerseyville. The name of the restaurant is perfect for fall and the menu sounds delicious! Sign up to go along for good food and fellowship after worship.

“**Experiencing God**” is the latest **Adult Study** happening on Sundays at 9:00 A.M. This video study discusses various ways that we perceive and experience God in our lives. A comment in Session One prompted much discussion and caught the attention of our group. The commentator noted that not only should our religion be good for us, it should also be good for our neighbor. Join us Sunday mornings for lively, discussion, learning, fellowship and coffee.

October 10, 17 and 24 are our **Men’s Club Drive-Thru Chili** sales from 3:00-6:00 P.M. 2 bowls for \$8.00. Time to enjoy great chili and stock up your freezer, too! Proceeds support the Men’s Club mission outreach which includes sponsoring local youth athletic teams, car shows, free community concerts, the ELCA World Hunger and ELCA Disaster funds. Show your support! Buy chili! Cheer on the chefs of our Men’s Club!

Homebound Communion is off to a well-received start. If you are aware of one of our own that would appreciate having Holy Communion brought to them at home, please notify me or any member of the PI Team.

PI Team continues to discuss **Outreach**. Our goal is to consider what we already have and find ways to supplement or add to what we have. For example, we have a successful Men’s Club Chili Drive-Thru. This year we prepared a little folder with a mealtime prayer, calendar of events at Resurrection and worship information which will go into each chili bag sold. Another example, we’re putting a Resurrection sticker onto each item we donate during the pet drive. These are simple ways to build awareness of our church and outreach. Please share any ideas you may have with me or any member of the PI Team.

On a personal note, I am attending the Annual Synod Theological Retreat at Pere Marquette the first couple of days in October. The learning topic is “The Holy Spirit.” October 21 – November 1 takes me to Michigan for vacation. My cousin lives near Holland, Michigan. I’ll spend a few days with him and his wife. The balance of the time I will be exploring and enjoying Michigan. Most of you know that I have a Master’s in Bookbinding that I completed at Hollander’s in Ann Arbor, Michigan. This work required many, many trips to Michigan. So much so, that in many ways Michigan feels like a second home to me. I look forward to returning. As always, I’m on call for you both here and on vacation. Please contact me anytime for any concern you may have. I respond to it all: phone, text, email.

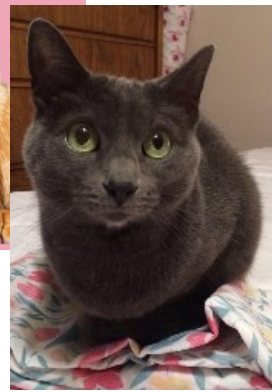
A blessed Autumn to you and yours from me and my little grey cat, Lilly.

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News & Updates



Sunday, October 6 at 11:00 A.M.
All Pets must be on a leash or in a carrier

Chili . . . Chili Chili Chili Chili



Chili Drive-Thru 2 bowls w/crackers, \$8.00

October 10, 17 & 24th, 3:00 - 6:00pm



Please support the Men's Club. Tickets will be available from members and in the Narthex after services. Donations to support the costs (ingredients, to-go containers, etc. . .) can be given to Bill Stoutenborough. Any questions, please call Dan Garner at 618-792-1777.

Second Sunday Lunch Bunch

The 2nd Sunday Lunch Bunch will dine out on **October 13**, taking a trip to Harvest Home, a roadside family restaurant in Jerseyville, IL serving home-made favorites from hot griddled USDA beef smash burgers and fried chicken to breakfast all day and classic home cooking country suppers.



IMPORTANT. . . Please read as this pertains to all those attending and assisting in worship!

Technology Team Updates

- 1)** To all: When Ken starts playing, please be quiet, sit back and enjoy the music. Use this time to prepare for worship and reflect. The online broadcast begins when Ken starts playing. You can hear all the talking through the microphones.
- 2)** To Readers of Prayers and Lay Readers: Please do not speak the responses. When this happens, your voices are mainly what is heard online and not the responses of the Congregation. To attempt to block your voice during responses, we must switch different microphones off and on. This is troublesome since we have to turn one mic on before shutting the other mic off or we generate a “dead” spot in the audio. Your help is greatly appreciated.
- 3)** I have blocked several IP Addresses from the main network since Council approved this action. If you have been blocked, please join the GUEST network or see any Tech Team member (Tim Belfield, Rich Kelley, Dan Callahan) for access.
- 4)** Also, let Rich, Tim or I know before the music starts if you have any announcements so we can get a mic to you. Without using a mic, those that watch from home and those that don't hear as well as others, can't hear what is being said.

Thank you for your help,
Dan Callahan

I want to thank Dan for pointing out these issues. Some of them have been irking me as well. In August, Ken and Elyse played a beautiful duet for us before the service. That duet was completely drowned out by excessively loud, inappropriate conversation. It was disturbing to see that taking place. Please keep your conversation to the narthex and enter the sanctuary for worship . . . there is a time and a place for both. We are blessed to have gifted musicians sharing their time and talents with us and they deserve better.

Also, please be respectful of those kneeling and praying. Do not distract them with hellos, pats on the back, fist bumps, etc... it's disrespectful to the person having intimate moments with the Lord. I don't know about you, but I wouldn't appreciate that.

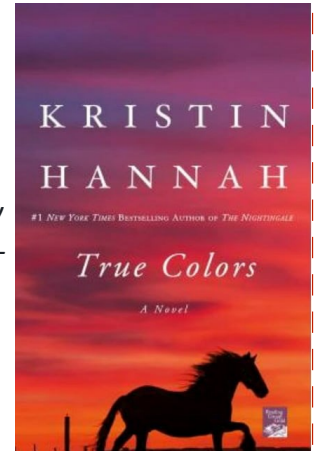
We can do better showing our respect to the Lord and those who have come to worship him in the sanctuary.

***Thank you,
Neal Booth***

Book Club

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

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.



November's book with Janet Broche as discussion leader is **Book of Lost Names** by Kristin Harmel. We will meet on November 14th, at 6:30 pm.

Summary: Eva Traube Abrams, a semiretired librarian in Florida, is at the returns desk one morning when her eyes lock on to a photograph in a newspaper nearby. She freezes; it's an image of a book she hasn't seen in sixty-five years--a book she recognizes as the Book of Lost Names. The accompanying article describes the looting of libraries across Europe by the Nazis during World War II--an experience Eva remembers all too well. As a graduate student in 1942, Eva was forced to flee Paris after the arrest of her father, a Polish Jew. Finding refuge in a small mountain town in the Free Zone, she begins forging identity documents for Jewish children fleeing to neutral Switzerland. But erasing people comes with a price, and along with a mysterious, handsome forger named Rémy, Eva decides she must find a way to preserve the real names of the children who are too young to remember who they really are. The records they keep in the Book of Lost Names will become even more vital when the Resistance cell they work with is betrayed and Rémy disappears. As the Germans close in, Eva records a last, vital message in the book. Decades later, does she have the strength to seek out its answer--and help reunite those lost during the war?



The book is available through the local library. Reading is a great stress reliever and helps one to forget briefly about the current everyday problems.

Ruth Wolter
618-433-1469



Our next meeting is Thursday, October 10th following the Chili sales.

Thanks, Dan Garner
618-792-1777

Properties Committee Update

We would like to thank Ruth Wolters, Rich Kelley, Joe Wyatt, Tim Belfield, Sharon Groh, Pat Ford, and Jim Leiber for helping Dan and I with the following: We removed 6 bushes, trimmed weeds and tall grass along the ditch area, cleaned the venetian blinds in the office areas, trimmed the Arborvitaes in the planter, picked up sticks that had fallen from trees around the property, and started work on the drain line from the roof. The drain line for the downspouts is blocked causing water to enter under the doors next to altar. The south side drain line is not draining because it appears to be blocked by the large ever-green tree. We are planning to locate the 4 tie-ins from the downspouts and trench a new main line to replace the blocked one. This will alleviate the water entering the Sanctuary during heavy rains. Again, a big "THANK YOU for helping our Church look nice!



Carol & Dan Callahan

World Food Day

Celebrating 50 Years of ELCA World Hunger

When: Tuesday, Oct. 15, 7 p.m. Central time

Where: Zoom webinar

REGISTER HERE: https://community.elca.org/world-food-day-2024?_ga=2.16338525.883944080.1727321659-999885417.1727321659



This special online event will be hosted by the Rev. Amy Current, bishop of the Southeastern Iowa Synod, and Imran Siddiqui, vice president of the ELCA.

Tune in on Oct. 15 to hear firsthand stories from partners at ELCA World Hunger projects — including Educación Popular en Salud (EPES), a community health organization in Chile founded over 40 years ago, and more recent starts such as Tapestry Farms, a Midwestern urban farm system in the "Quad Cities" of Iowa and Illinois. You'll see the impact of 50 years of ELCA World Hunger work and get excited and equipped to be a part of the next 50 years!

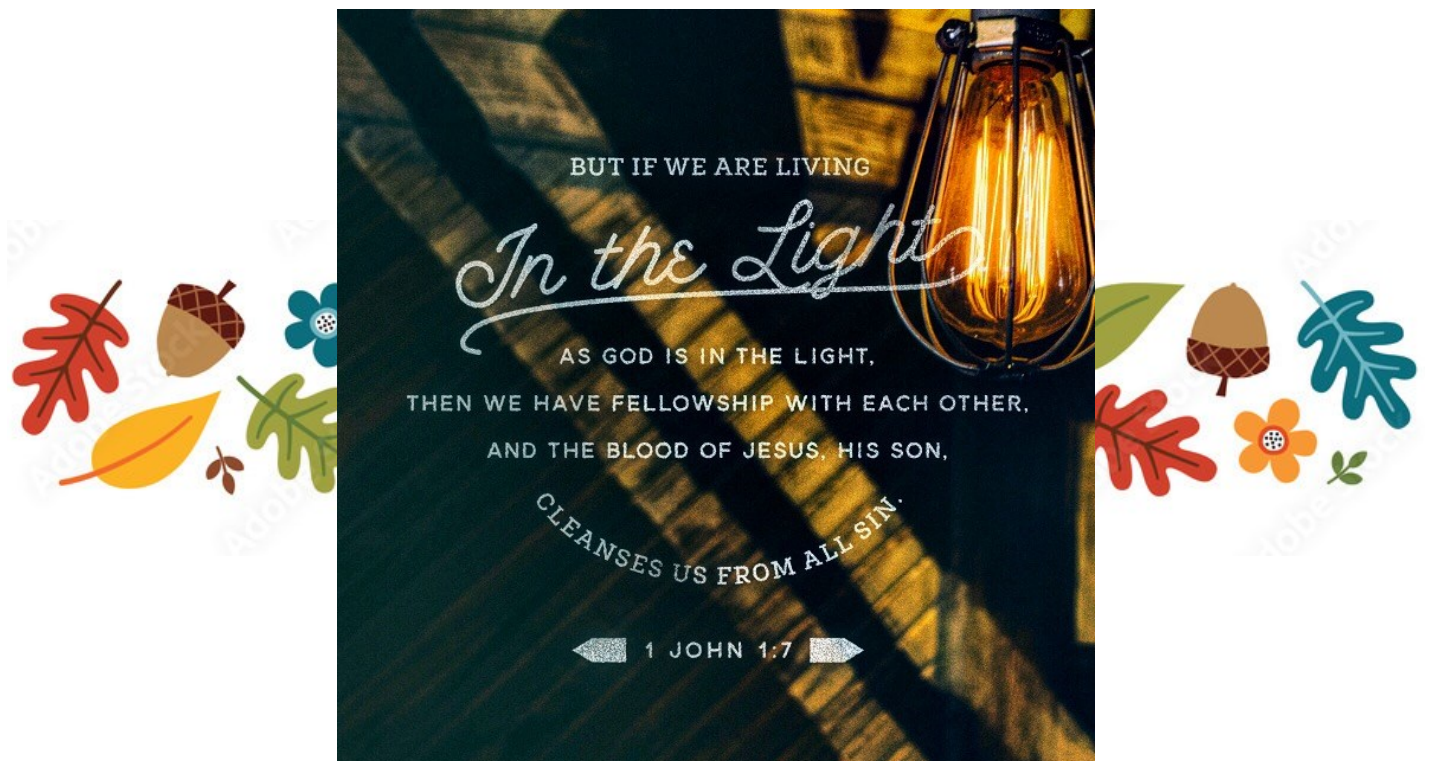


- Veteran's Day Service with honors and special music arranged by Russ Henkhaus will be Sunday, November 10, 3pm
- Congregational meeting November 17th, 11am.
- Christmas Concert sponsored by Men's Club on Dec. 7th

Thank you

On behalf of Church Council, we hope you enjoyed our mortgage celebration luncheon. Many people were involved behind the scenes to make it happen. . .

- * Our menu planners including Vicki Baggio, Neal Booth, Teresa Droste, Margie Snep, and Pastor Worms
 - * Dorothy's Tea Room not only delivered some delicious food, but set it up as well.
 - * A special thanks to Vicki Baggio, Teresa Droste, Pastor Jan and Council for the deviled eggs, 7 layer salad, fruit and potato chips.
 - * Carol Garner did a great job lining up our festive fall tables.
 - * Kay Tucker for handling the payments and layout of the food.
 - * And of course YOU for 30 years + of financial support !



Social Ministry



Join ELCA World Hunger for a celebration of World Food Day and the 50th anniversary of ELCA World Hunger!

- On Oct. 15, join the Rev. Amy Current, bishop of the Southeastern Iowa Synod, and Imran Siddiqui, vice president of the ELCA, to hear firsthand stories and learn more about how ELCA World Hunger is active in the United States and around the world.
- Hear from partners at ELCA World Hunger projects — including Educación Popular en Salud (EPES), a community health organization in Chile that was founded over 40 years ago, and more recent starts such as Tapestry Farms, a Midwestern urban-farm system in the “Quad Cities” of Iowa and Illinois. You’ll see the impact of 50 years of ELCA World Hunger work and get excited and equipped to be part of the next 50 years!
- Register and learn more at [ELCA.org/WH50](https://elca.org/WH50).
- Zoom webinar on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, 7 p.m. CST



Scouting For Food is the Greater St. Louis Area Council’s one-of-a-kind day of service. Thousands of Scouts, parents, and leaders hit the streets on a Saturday in November to distribute blue bags to the homes in their area. Community members fill up those bags with non-perishable food items, and the Scouts return one week later to pick up those bags and distribute them to local food banks and pantries. On average, we collect almost 2 million food items each year.

Scouting for Food has continued annually since its beginning in 1985 as a signature service event throughout the now 63 counties served by the Greater St. Louis Are Council. Read more about the history of Scouting for Food at <https://stlbsa.org/scouting-for-food/>

**Resurrection-sponsored Boy Scout Troop #7
will distribute bags for congregation members on Sunday, November 9, 2024.**

Highlight's from Church Council – September

REPORTS

* **Treasurer's Report:** Total offering for the month was \$11,024.22. Total income was \$11,496.97. Total expenses were \$12,428.18. This includes \$500 for cleaning contract and \$332 for our annual copyright license fee. The cash flow balance for the month was -939.21. This is just natural from the flow of bills and income. The checking account balance was \$19,692.56. Our Money Market is growing again due to monthly set-asides. We have also increased the major repair/building set-aside from \$750 to \$2500 pending several major repairs in the next couple of years.

* **President's Report:** Neal had no committee reports to share and/or concerns.

* **Pastor's Report:**

- Pastor has taken note that we are offering Portals of Prayer published by the LCMS rather than options produced by the ELCA. Dependent upon our current billing cycle, we will consider switching out devotionals.
- Council has been asked to consider options for creating an endowment fund through the ELCA. This would be a wise investment for our future, especially now that the mortgage is paid.
- PI Team now has homebound communion in place for two recipients. The team will continue to discuss outreach further on Oct. 2. Questions posed include; What do we have and what do we need? The goal will be to take what we have and "add to" and support it. Some upcoming examples will be including a small flyer in chili sales, inviting senior/care facilities to our Veteran's Day Worship and Christmas Concert.
- Our search for finding a new organist and/or pianist has become grim. Russ has agreed to lead our Veteran's Day service again. . . THANK YOU ! The future of live music moving forward, especially during the winter months and Holiday services is up in the air. ***Please pray that someone reaches out to us.***
- Pastor will be away for the Fall Theological Seminar Sept. 31-Oct. 2 at Pere Marquette.
- Pastor will be on vacation in Michigan Oct. 21- Nov. 1. Rev. Thomas Krackle will lead us in worship on Oct. 27th.

NEW BUSINESS

* Council is discussing a Stewardship Drive for 2024. It has been two years since the last one. Before a pledge card and letter are sent out, upcoming concerns like a new roof, the brick planter, entry doors and electrical issues will be shared at both the Mortgage Celebration and the Annual meeting. Despite the mortgage being paid, we have to stress to all that the expenses won't stop there. We are potentially looking at \$50,000+ in building maintenance over the next 1-5 years.



October Pet Drive

It isn't too late to donate. Please have items in by October 6th.

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.



3 Sharon McBride
11 Dan Garner
12 Judy Kelley
14 Ruth Wolter
26 Brian Lieber

HAPPY
Wedding
ANNIVERSARY

7 Jerry and Janet Broche
15 Kirk and Audrey Rhea
Joe and Sherry Wyatt
16 Rich and Joanne Kelley

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

FINANCIAL STATUS – August 2024

DEDICATED FUNDS BALANCE	\$40,134.76
GENERAL FUNDS CASH FLOW	(\$931.21)
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	\$19,692.56

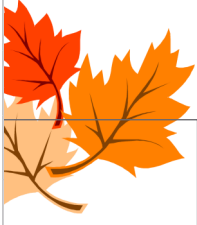
GENERAL FUNDS DETAIL	<u>8/1/2024 -</u> <u>8/31/2024</u>	<u>YEAR TO</u> <u>DATE</u>
Income		
Offering	\$11,024.22	\$100,843.79
Lenten Offering		\$1,803.21
Other Income	\$472.75	\$5,063.04
Total General Fund Income	\$11,496.97	\$105,906.83
Expenses		
Benevolence	\$275.00	\$3,230.00
Building and Grounds	\$2,960.56	\$16,700.85
Christian Education	\$0.00	\$0.00
Church Mortgage	\$1,992.78	\$20,248.78
Evangelism	\$0.00	\$394.77
Insurance	\$570.00	\$4,439.35
Office	\$330.35	\$3,222.11
Personnel Costs	\$828.12	\$7,702.76
Personnel Salaries	\$4,869.26	\$36,353.39
Social Ministry	\$44.52	\$951.49
Stewardship Supplies	\$0.00	\$138.81
Worship	\$557.59	\$2,206.77
Total General Fund Expenses	\$12,428.18	\$95,589.08
General Funds Cash Flow	(\$931.21)	\$10,317.75

Our bills are slightly larger this month because we've hired a cleaning service, increased our insurance monthly set-aside to \$570, and our annual copyright license came due at a cost of \$332. We're still in the black for the year, PRAISE GOD!





OCTOBER 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Scouts 7pm	2 PI Team 6:30pm	3	4	5
6 Adult Study 9am Special Blessing of Animals Worship 10am	7	8 Scouts 7pm	9 Finance Cmte. 11am Men's Bible Study 6:30pm	10 Chili Drive Thru 3-6pm Men's Club 6 p Book Club 6:30p	11	12
13 Adult Study 9am Worship 10am 2nd Sunday Lunch Bunch 11 am	14	15 Scouts 7pm	16	17 Chili Drive Thru 3-6pm	18	19
20 Adult Study 9am Worship 10am Church Council 11am	21	22 Scouts 7pm	23	24 Chili Drive Thru 3-6pm	25	26
27 Adult Study 9am Worship 10am	28 Newsletter Deadline	29 Scouts 7pm	30	31	<div data-bbox="1105 1751 1513 1944" data-label="Text"> <p><u>Rev. Jan S. Worms</u> gracious@miwest.net Office Hours by appointment 618-250-1608</p> </div>	

Rev. Jan S. Worms, Interim

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