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Resurrectionist

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Pastor's Pen

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings from Michigan! I'm enjoying beautiful sunny days and a relaxing time up north. I enjoy visiting lighthouses. Here are pictures of two I've recently toured. Both very interesting. It is not my first time visiting either. In addition to studying bookbinding in Ann Arbor, which meant many trips to Michigan, I've been exploring lighthouses in Michigan since 2000. I've visited most of the land lights and several offshore lights and have been fascinated by each of them.

I had a lovely visit with my cousin in Zeeland, Michigan, spent a few days in Traverse City and am now in Mackinaw City. Monday, I travel to the Upper Peninsula to visit Whitefish Point light station which is another favorite spot. After a few days in Frankenmuth, I will head home, arriving Saturday afternoon, just in time to worship with you All Saints Sunday, November 2. I do miss you all and will be happy to see you when I return.

Here, in Mackinaw City, I'm staying across the street from Wienerlicious, a fast-food restaurant that claims to have the world's largest hot dog that is mounted on the top of a building.

Traveling around Michigan, it's easy to see that Michigan is one of the battleground states in this upcoming election. The yard signs for each candidate are about 50/50. Which leads me to reminding each of you how important it is for you to vote. The election is very close with two candidates who have vastly different visions and plans for our country. Your vote matters. Your vote counts! In your speech and actions, please remember that as followers of Jesus we are called to be peacemakers and to seek reconciliation. In our divided country, this is so important for each of us to do. In the days ahead, some will be very happy with the outcome of the election and others not so much. Please seek common ground. Please work for harmony.

Homebound Communion is going well and has been well received. It is also a blessing to the volunteers who deliver Communion to our homebound. We've added two more recipients, and the team is now divided into two groups who deliver Communion every two weeks. If you wish to be added to the list to receive Communion or know someone who should be on the list to receive, please let me know.

Veteran's Day Worship – We are sending invitations to participate to local churches, VFW's and Care Centers. Russ will play and all the musicians have been contacted and are willing to play. Our offering will go to the local "Wreath's Across America" to place holiday wreaths on the graves of local Veteran's. Neal has ordered a yard banner that we can use from year to year. Please invite your friends and neighbors to worship with us November 10 at 3:00 P.M.

The Worship Committee will meet November 3 after worship to put the finishing touches on our Veteran's worship and Advent/Christmas worship and activities. **Hanging of the Greens** will be December 1 after worship.

PI Team continues to work on outreach. We placed stickers on donated pet items and prepared folders to include with the Men's Chili Sales. We continue to develop ideas about what we can "add" to what we already have and consider new things we could implement. "A Little Prayer Book" is in development and should be available to distribute to members and others early in 2025. Janet and I will update the chili flyer to be a general-purpose hand out to include our Spring Calendar of Events. The size of the folder is good and it fits easily into an envelope, pocket, purse or bag.

Blessing of Pets I blessed four dogs present and 2 cats in absentia. Our worship Committee members read scripture, and distributed pet treats and collar charms. We had a good response to Pet Drive. Thanks to the Wyatts, Callahans and Neal Booth for delivering the collections and hearty thanks to all of you who donated.

Adult Study. "Experiencing God" will conclude in November and it will be followed by a study of the World of the New Testament, Reading Scripture (2nd study) and the Gospel of Luke. All invited to participate.

2nd Sunday Lunch Bunch. Continues to be well received and fun for all participants. November lunch is Pere Marquette Lodge. December is Castelli's Moonlight Restaurant. January will be Bluff City Grill in Alton.

Afternoon at the Movies begins in January. The winter months after Christmas can be dull, grey and uneventful. This will be an opportunity to get out of the house and enjoy fellowship and popcorn and movie snacks. I don't see this as a year-round event – just something special for the Winter months. The first movie will be "Bonhoeffer: Agent of Grace." Sponsored by Trivent. It is about Dietrich Bonhoeffer, one of my personal heroes of faith.

Synod Boundary Training. November 7 at Faith, O'Fallon. All day. This is required for all clergy every two years and is also required by Synod Insurance.

Recorder Lessons. I want to improve my recorder skills and to do so I need a teacher. Professional recorder player, Anne Timberlake, has agreed to take me on as a student. I begin lessons in January, once a month, in St Louis. She only teaches students with my experience on Tuesday. I will meet with her one Tuesday afternoon each month. I will finish in time to attend any Tuesday evening meeting we may have scheduled.

I love seeing our calendar filled up with activities and so appreciate the willingness of so many to volunteer and participate and serve here at Resurrection. I am so happy and so honored to serve with you!

Peace to you and yours from me and my little grey cat, Lilly.



World's largest hot dog on a building. Wienerlicious.





Mission Point Lighthouse



McGulpin Point Lighthouse





News & Updates



THANK YOU

Our October Pet Drive was a **HUGE** success! Your donations will be greatly appreciated by the 5 A's, Hope Rescue and Alton Senior Services Plus. A special thanks to Sharon Groh, Wendy Reinbold, Joe and Sherry Wyatt and Pastor for packing up the donations accordingly.



Second Sunday Lunch Bunch

November 5th, lunch will be at Pere Marquette Lodge in Grafton, IL.



Please see the sign-up in the narthex for attending and offering to carpool.



Our next meeting is Thurs., November 14 . Dinner at 6 and meeting at 7pm.

Thanks, Dan Garner
618-792-1777



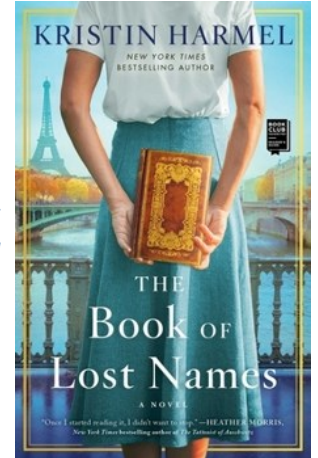
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

Our Congregational meeting will be held November 17th, 11am following worship. Next year's budget will be presented along with the bids for our new roof and entry doors among other discussion you bring to the table. ***All are encouraged to attend !***

Book Club

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 Club will not meet in December, taking the month off to get ready for all the activities associated with the celebration of Christmas, as we remember God's most wonderful gift to us, the birth of His precious son, Jesus.

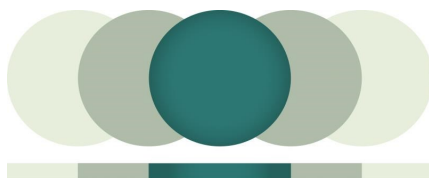
Ruth Wolter
618-433-1469



Hanging of the Greens will take place Dec. 1st following worship. Many hands make light work. This is no longer quite as easy as it once was with our increasing ages. Please dress accordingly and plan on helping.



Social Ministry



Riverbend Family Ministries

On November 17th, our Resurrection 2024 Advent Giving Tree will be decorated and tags ready for selection. Gifts will be dedicated to families served through Riverbend Family Ministries. Givers may choose a tag(s) with requested items for either an individual/family identified by the Client Service Team or a tag listing "wish list" items for the Community Christmas event. All unwrapped gifts are asked to be returned to the church by December 15th for delivery to RFM.

Riverbend Family Ministries (RFM) was founded in 2007 out of the need to bring nonprofit agencies together under one roof to better serve the community in a fiscally responsible manner. RFM is a holistic hub of non-profit organizations that **work with children, youth, and families in crisis, most often being affected by violence, addiction, poverty, and/or homelessness.**

Read more at <https://riverbendfamilyministries.com/programs/>

Each organization operates as an independent entity. They strategically work in tandem to address various aspects of individual, family, and community needs. From counseling services to educational initiatives, they strive to bring hope, healing, and a brighter future to those who have faced adversity. The following agencies and programs are housed under one roof, enabling effective collaboration to provide each client with the resources and tools they need.

- ◆ **Client Service Department (CSD)** works one-on-one with clients and their families needing aid with rental and utility assistance and other social service navigation and rehabilitation connections.
- ◆ **Refuge** works to prevent childhood exposure to violence and abuse through direct therapeutic work with families, supportive services for child-serving organizations, and community-wide prevention education.
- ◆ **Amare** works with those in drug/alcohol addiction, their families, and the community.

- ◆ **Pathway Counselors** provides professional, confidential, Christian counseling to the individuals and families living in and near the Riverbend community.
- ◆ **CASA** (Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children) volunteers that are appointed by judges to watch over and advocate for abused and neglected children, to make sure they don't get lost in the overburdened legal and social service system or languish in inappropriate group or foster homes.
- ◆ **SOAR** (Students Learning the Ongoing Approach to Resilience) facilitates a youth development program is designed for youth ages 12-17 that have witnessed, perpetrated or have been a victim of violence.
- ◆ **Mountains to Molehills** provides relief for the purpose of improving the lives of the impoverished through appliance repair/replacements, home repairs, auto repairs, or other activities that might provide relief and service to poor or needy individuals.
- ◆ **Group Interventions** is a social service agency serving domestic violence abusers in Madison, Bond and St. Clair County.
- ◆ **Every Survivor Counts** addresses multifaceted forms of oppression and end sexual violence by empowering survivors through person-first services and community engagement.

Sharon Groh
 Social Ministry
 402-432-3942



Highlight's from Church Council – September

REPORTS

- * **Treasurer's Report:** Total offering for Sept. was \$15,013.47. Total income for the month was \$15,646.60. We have a parishioner who donates quarterly that accounts for the bump this month. Total expenses were \$12,072.58. This includes \$500 for the cleaning contract and \$2,500 set-aside for major repairs.
Without our quarterly donor we would have been in the red !
- * **President's Report:** Neal showed Council the new Veteran's Day Service banner that's already on display. A brief discussion on the nominating cmte. duties, members willing to accept a 2nd term and one at-large candidate took place. Due to Kay's diligence, this task was made easy and the congregation will vote accordingly at the annual meeting.
- * **Pastor's Report:**
 - See "Pastor's Pen," as all content shared with Council was shared in her monthly letter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- * **None at this time.**

NEW BUSINESS

- * **Veteran's Day Offering**– Council voted unanimously on the offering going to the local Wreath's Across America.
- * **Devotionals**– Council voted unanimously to drop Portals of Prayer, a LCMS publication effective the end of the year. We will now order Sunday's in Season, an ELCA publication. There is little to no difference in the costs.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

- * **Roofing and Door Bids**– Thanks to the Callahan's efforts, all but one bid for the roof and doors are in. The figures were shared with Council and will be presented to the Congregation at the annual meeting.



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20 Pastor Jan Worms



20 Dan and Carol Callahan

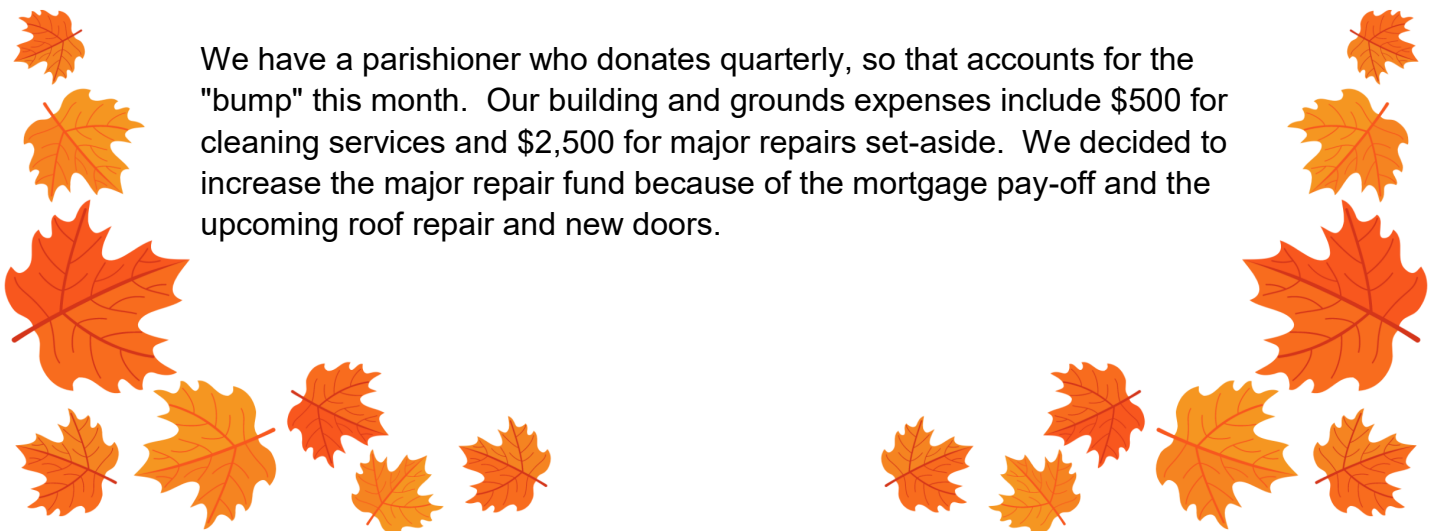
If you didn't see your name listed for a Birthday or Anniversary, please email Neal Booth to be added. Thanks.

FINANCIAL STATUS – September 2024

DEDICATED FUNDS BALANCE	\$43,204.76
GENERAL FUNDS CASH FLOW	\$3,574.02
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	\$21,943.89

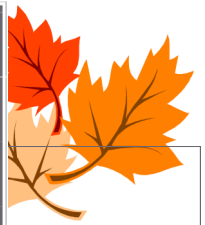
GENERAL FUNDS DETAIL	<u>9/1/2024 -</u> <u>9/30/2024</u>	<u>YEAR TO</u> <u>DATE</u>
Income		
Offering	\$15,013.47	\$115,857.26
Lenten Offering		\$1,803.21
Other Income	\$633.13	\$5,648.40
Total General Fund Income	\$15,646.60	\$121,505.66
Expenses		
Benevolence	\$275.00	\$3,505.00
Building and Grounds	\$4,438.98	\$21,084.98
Christian Education	\$0.00	\$0.00
Church Mortgage	\$0.00	\$20,248.78
Evangelism	\$0.00	\$394.77
Insurance	\$570.00	\$5,009.35
Office	\$431.62	\$3,653.73
Personnel Costs	\$1,219.55	\$8,922.31
Personnel Salaries	\$5,013.52	\$41,366.91
Social Ministry	\$74.08	\$1,025.57
Stewardship Supplies	\$0.00	\$138.81
Worship	\$49.83	\$2,256.60
Total General Fund Expenses	\$12,072.58	\$107,606.81
General Funds Cash Flow	\$3,574.02	\$13,898.85

We have a parishioner who donates quarterly, so that accounts for the "bump" this month. Our building and grounds expenses include \$500 for cleaning services and \$2,500 for major repairs set-aside. We decided to increase the major repair fund because of the mortgage pay-off and the upcoming roof repair and new doors.





NOVEMBER 2024



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Adult Study 9am Worship 10am Worship Cmte 11am		Scouts 7pm	PI Team at 6:30 pm			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Adult Study 9am Worship 10am 2nd Sun. Lunch Bunch 11am		Scouts 7pm	Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm	Men's Club at Church 6pm Book Club at Church 6:30		God's Work Our Hands 11:30 am
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Adult Study 9am Worship 10am Congregational Meeting 11am	Young Hall in use 10 am	Scouts 7pm				
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Adult Study 9am Worship 10am Assemble Advent Wreath and	Newsletter Deadline	Scouts 7pm				

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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Pator Worms, *Facebook and Social Media*
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Service Time:
In-Person & Online 10AM

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