

the Resurrectionist

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

A New Year IS GOD'S GIFT

In the joyful moments—
thank Him.

In the busy moments—
bless Him.

In the trying moments—
trust Him.

In the quiet moments—
praise Him.

—ROY LESSIN



ACHIEVE, BELIEVE & PROCLAIM

This past year I introduced a yearly theme of Achieve, Believe and Proclaim challenging our committees and congregation to act upon these words in both our work here inside the church and out in the community. I wanted to take a second on talk about how we have accomplished this theme.

So, what have we achieved?

- We have achieved another fiscal year coming in under budget thanks to reduced salary and benefit expenditures, a mortgage that was paid off early and we now have \$40,000 invested in CDs earning us interest.
- Pastor Jan has renewed her interim contract for another 6 months starting January 1, 2025, showing dedication and an invested commitment to Resurrection.
- We have more members involved than ever across the board, whether it be with the PI team, CODO (Carbon Monoxide Detector Outreach), Men's Club, Book Club, Community Garden or any other active committee.
- Two new members, Tony and Jody Kluender were welcomed with warming conversations and friendly faces and joined our church. Others keep visiting us regularly as well and we hope full suit.

So what do we believe?

- We believe there is one God.
- Jesus Christ is the Son of God.
- The Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- Salvation by Grace.
- Belief in Eternal Life.
- That we will continue to grow and strengthen in our outreach efforts with our neighbors in the community.
- That God will continue steering the Resurrection wheel in the direction he sees best for 2025.

So how have we proclaimed?

- We have opened our doors to the community with two concerts, 3 car shows and the 2nd year of hosting a Veteran's Day service.
- We had a successful kick-off to our ongoing service project, CODO, keeping people safe in their homes, with another event scheduled for January.
- Another successful Chili Drive sent \$3,324 to the disaster relief funds.
- Our 2nd Blessing of Pets assisted the needs of 3 different centers in our immediate community.
- At-home communion has been established, something not seen since Pastor Ken's tenor.
- A bountiful harvest of fresh produces was shared with Crisis Food Center and those in need.
- Online worship continues to be made possible by the Resurrection Tech Team.
- All of us involved have extended ourselves in outreach efforts via making new acquaintances and contacts during these events, even if it was just saying Hi, I'm __ .

I do believe this list for **achieving** , **believing** & **proclaiming** goes on, with many other Resurrection involvements that have slipped my mind upon writing this. I would say that's quite impressive for the 40 or so of us that regularly gather here on a weekly basis to make all of that happen. Thank you !

Let's see what we can **ACHIEVE**, **BELIEVE** & **PROCLAIM** in



Happy New Year
Neal Booth,
Church President



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

December at Resurrection was a month of joy and sadness.

Great Joy as we celebrated the Nativity of Our Lord. Christmas Eve worship was grand! Three cellos, gorgeous organ music, familiar, well-loved hymns sung with gusto, and the retelling of the Birth of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. It doesn't get any better than this!

Joy, as we welcomed Tony and Jody Kluender as new members of RLC. They live in Alton and transferred their membership to us from Bethel Lutheran Church in University City, Missouri. Jody will be serving on our Worship Committee. Welcome Tony and Jody! We're glad to have you with us.

Sadness as we learned of the passing of our brother in Christ, Dave Isiringhausen. We are comforted by the promise of Eternal Life won for us by the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus. This promise of Eternal Life assures us that Dave worships with us, but on a different shore and in a greater Light.

Sadness as we accepted the resignation of Ken Rueter. Ken notified us on Christmas Day that he would not be returning to serve us as musician, citing his health conditions. Ken wishes us well and appreciates the kindness and generosity we have shown to him. Likewise, we appreciate all the good work he has done for us and wish him every blessing.

Thank you all for your gift to me of a Christmas bonus! I appreciate your kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity. I have vacation plans for a couple of weeks after Easter. Your gift will be used for something special that I will discover on my travels. I'll let you know what it is when I find it! It continues to be an honor and a joy to serve with you at Resurrection.

A sub team of the PI Team has been busy updating our color brochure about our congregation. Special thanks to Sharon Groh, Vicki Baggio, and Janet Broche who worked with me on the update. I think that we produced a very good brochure that will serve as a helpful introduction to our church. Look for a copy on the table in our entry hall. As part of the update, we gave the Adult Study that meets on Sunday mornings a new name: Lifelong Learners. We'll continue to use both names until we all get used to hearing "Lifelong Learners."

January 5 is the "Unhanging of the Greens" after worship. Please wear casual clothes to

worship and plan to stay a bit to help. The old saying “Many hands make light work,” is certainly true. Plus, it’s good fellowship when we all work together.

More good fellowship accompanied by good food happens January 12 when the 2nd Sunday Lunch Bunch eats out at Bluff City Grill. Sign up sheets are on the entry hall table. That morning, we will install our 2025 Council during worship.

Russ Henkhaus has graciously agreed to work with us to transition to singing our liturgy to the accompaniment of a recording. We will either record the hymns or I will play the hymns or a combination of both. It may take a few weeks to work out rough spots, but we’ll be OK and we’ll do OK. In your daily prayers, please ask God to help and guide us as we search for a musician.

To you and yours, Peace, and a New Year filled with joy, from me and my little grey cat, Lilly.

Pastor Jan



Let's share the JOY
Jesus gives to a
DISHEARTENED world.

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JANUARY

News & Updates

JANUARY



Un-hanging of the Greens will take place
Jan. 5th, following worship.

Many hands make light work. Dress appropriately and stick around so we can all go home sooner than later.

Second Sunday Lunch Bunch

January 12th, we will meet at *Bluff City Grill*, Alton IL.

From seafood to wings, salads to cheesecake, Bluff City Grill has a little bit of everything to satisfy even the pickiest of eaters! **If you haven't joined us yet, why not. . . you are missing out on great food and more importantly some great fellowship time with your church family.**

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

**bluff
city
grill**
restaurant & bar

We at Resurrection remember David Isringhausen who asked for so little but gave so very much !

Our thoughts and prayers are with Ann and her loved ones during these trying times.



**Jan. 5 - Work day, to include taking down the Nativity scene.
Jan. 9 - Dinner at 6 and meeting at 7pm.**

Thanks, Dan Garner
618-792-1777



Book Club

The Book Club will enjoy an evening out on January 9th. We will meet at 6:30 pm at Bakers & Hale located at 7120 Montclair Ave., Godfrey, for an evening of good food, fun and fellowship, with lots of talk.

Please respond by noon on January 9th if planning to attend so proper reservations can be made. Thanks,



In February, Teresa Droste will be our discussion leader. Her book of choice is The Nicest Couple by Mary Kubica. The book is available at our local library.

Summary: Jake Hayes is missing. At first, his wife, Nina, thinks he is blowing off steam at a friend's house after their heated fight the night before. But then a day goes by and Jake is still nowhere to be found. Lily Scott, Nina's friend and coworker, thinks she may have been the last to see Jake before he went missing. After Lily confesses everything to her husband, Christian, the two decide that nobody can find out what happened leading up to Jake's disappearance, especially not Nina. But Nina is out there looking for her husband, and she won't stop until the truth is discovered.



Ruth Wolter
618-433-1469

Music Fund



Our Music Fund has run dry. It's been some time since we have asked for donations to support this fund. We know some of you really value the ongoing musical efforts at Resurrection, whether that be a guest musician, new sheet music, or the Veteran's Service. Any donations would be appreciated. Please just specify in the memo line of your check "Music Fund."



- 8 Bob Doerr
Mary Elizabeth Jackson
- 9 Cheryl Margherio
- 11 Bud Jackson
- 12 Joe Wyatt
- 20 Tammy Neese

HAPPY
Wedding
ANNIVERSARY

14 John and Teresa Droste

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

Highlight's from Church Council – December

REPORTS

- * **Treasurer's Report:** Total offering for the month was \$10,161.62. Total income for the month was \$10,653.30. October and November are typically lower months for offering, so historically this is in line with our giving. Total expenses were \$13,150.99. We had additional expenses related to the Veteran's Day Service and an extra two weeks of mowing. **Cash flow for the month was -\$2,497.69**
- * **President's Report:** A letter was received from the Call Committee recommending that Council interview Pastor Mauricio Vieira who recently responded to our call for a full-time pastor. This would have been the next step in the process of a call. After serious conversation with the Council, Neal called an emergency meeting between the Call Committee and the Church Council that took place on Dec. 22. After nearly two hours of in-depth, rather heated conversations, and a lot of emotions, some very challenging decisions were made. These will be shared with the congregation in small, personal one-on-one meetings to be arranged in January. You will be receiving a phone call to schedule a time to meet soon.
- * **Pastor's Report:**
 - Pastor announced our newest member Jody Kluender has asked to serve on the Worship Committee. We are thrilled to have her already becoming involved.
 - Adult Study just began a video series focusing on the Gospel of Luke that will run for 12 sessions.
 - Resurrection's Afternoon at the Movies to begin in January with a date to be announced.
 - Pastor's contract expires December 31. Pastor and Neal have signed another 6-month interim contract. Pastor is working on completing a Rostered Minister Profile to be interviewed by the Call Cmte. for a permanent part-time position at Resurrection.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- * **None at this time**

NEW BUSINESS

- * One of the stoves in the kitchen has a blown motherboard. Due to age and the cost of replacement parts, Council approved a new stove up to \$700. The Callahans will take care of shopping and purchasing the new stove. We are truly blessed to have them help maintain our property.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

- * The Properties Committee sat down with Council to review and approve the contract for a new roof. Upon their recommendation, Ryan Roofing at the cost of \$38,520. This money will be taken from the Reserve Fund and the Major Repair Fund which will have no balance upon paying Ryan Roofing.
- * Concerns with the cleaning service being up to par were mentioned. Those involved with hiring the company will continue to watch for any issues as those mentioned are trivial at this point in time.

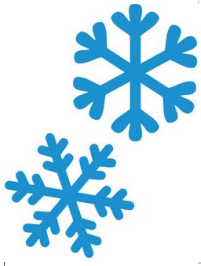
FINANCIAL STATUS – November 2024

DEDICATED FUNDS BALANCE	\$49,445.11
GENERAL FUNDS CASH FLOW	(\$2,497.69)
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	\$16,961.93

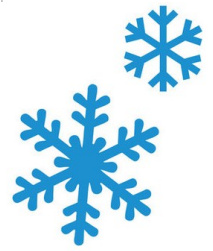
	<u>11/1/2024 -</u> <u>11/30/2024</u>	<u>YEAR TO</u> <u>DATE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS DETAIL		
Income		
Offering	\$10,161.62	\$135,417.74
Lenten Offering		\$1,803.21
Other Income	\$491.68	\$6,414.31
Total General Fund Income	\$10,653.30	\$141,832.05
Expenses		
Benevolence	\$275.00	\$4,055.00
Building and Grounds	\$4,820.10	\$30,606.25
Christian Education	\$0.00	\$0.00
Church Mortgage	\$0.00	\$20,248.78
Evangelism	\$0.00	\$394.77
Insurance	\$570.00	\$6,149.35
Office	\$322.07	\$4,381.37
Personnel Costs	\$1,214.24	\$11,389.95
Personnel Salaries	\$5,491.56	\$51,408.23
Social Ministry	\$86.75	\$1,183.26
Stewardship Supplies	\$0.00	\$138.81
Worship	\$371.27	\$2,734.01
Total General Fund Expenses	\$13,150.99	\$132,689.78
General Funds Cash Flow	(\$2,497.69)	\$9,142.27

Although the cash flow shows a -\$2,258.89, it's partially because we transfer \$3,700 each month to our money market, which shows as an expense. We also have \$40,000 in CDs in addition to the Dedicated Funds in the Money Market account.





JANUARY 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Rev. Jan S. Worms gracious@midwest.net Office Hours by appointment 618-250-1608			1	2	3 Young Hall in use for Scout Sleepover 7p - 8am	4
5 Adult Study 9am Worship 10am Unhanging of the Greens 11am	6	7 Scouts 7pm	8 Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm PI Team Meet- ing 6:30 pm	9 Men's Club at Church 6pm Book Club at Bak- ers and Hale at 6:30 pm	10	11
12 Adult Study 9am Worship 10am 2nd Sunday Lunch Bunch	13	14 Scouts 7pm	15	16	17	18
19 Adult Study 9am Worship 10am	20 Young Hall in Use 1 pm	21 Scouts 7pm	22	23	24	25
26 Adult Study 9am Worship 10am	27 Newsletter Deadline	28 Scouts 7pm	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, Mark Groh, Wendy Reinbold,
Margie Snep, & Sherry Wyatt, *At Large Members*

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Service Time:
In-Person & Online 10AM

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