

# *the* Resurrectionist

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

# Happy Valentine's Day

**Valentine's Day is not a liturgical feast of the Church. But if there is any worldly feast that is worthy of heavenly celebration it is this Fiesta of Love.**



*“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails...” 1 Corinthians 13:4-8*



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We owe a big THANK YOU to Russ Henkhaus for stepping in to help us with music for our Sunday morning worship. At worship, we hear and enjoy Russ's music, but we don't see him! Rather, we see Dan Garner sitting on the organ bench! What's going on?!? Here's the story. After Ken Rueter resigned on Christmas Day, I contacted Russ and asked for his help. Russ responded immediately by offering to come in each week and record the music for our worship. Russ provides us with the complete package: prelude, offertory, postlude, hymns and liturgy – everything we need and want. Russ records this for us and Dan Garner sits at the organ and pushes the buttons to make it happen. It's almost as good as having Russ with us in person. We get his wonderful music but miss his cheerful presence at worship. Russ to the rescue! Thank you from this very grateful pastor and the people of Resurrection!

Upcoming in February:

- **Second Sunday Lunch Bunch** goes to Bluff City Grill – after worship on February 9.
- **Afternoon at the Movies** – Monday, February 17 at 2:00 PM. What will we watch? “Jerusalem: Center of the World,” a PBS documentary. Join us for a 2-hour trip to Jerusalem!
- **Trivia Night** – Sponsored by our terrific **Men's Group**. – February 21 at 6:30 PM. Free! Prize for the winning table! Bring your own snacks and drinks. Invite your friends and neighbors! (Who also have several exciting activities upcoming. See elsewhere in the newsletter for more information.)

**PI Team** meets at 6:30 PM on February 12. PI Team stands for “Planning and Implementation Team.” We've been a busy group. At our January meeting the PI Team asked me to share with you a bit more of what the PI Team is doing. Currently, our focus is **Outreach** (or Evangelism, or Community Engagement). Homebound Communion is in place, happening, and running well.

Our “**Little Book of Prayer**” is an outreach tool and a prayer book created by “yours truly.” Our talented Janet Broche designed the cover and made it happen. Copies were included in the goodie bag we provided to the homeowners we served at our January **CŌDŌ** event. We'll have copies for all of you to kick off Lent, Ash Wednesday, March 5. I hope that you find it a useful little item to tuck in your purse or pocket or to keep on your bedside table.

We've created a ½ page card highlighting our upcoming events. These went into the **CŌDŌ** goodie bag, too.

During our January meeting we brainstormed a bunch of ideas. Among our ideas, “Burma Shave” type signs to place along our property line and ways to engage more with our neighbors and communities. Watch this space for more information as our ideas take shape.

A PI Team wish list item will happen in the next few weeks. We are getting an attractive, glass, **write on calendar** to post in our entry. This will help us all to see what's up and coming at Resurrection.

The PI Team discussed ways that we can educate us and our community on the resources for help/assistance that are available in the Alton/Godfrey area. With the guidance and expertise of Sharon Groh, we're gathering brochures and items to make available to all of you and to anyone who visits our property. We're considering a brochure display marked “Help Center” to gather this information. We'd like it to be on wheels so we can move it into Young Hall when the hall is in use.

And, I have one more calendar item: a **Community Resource and Assistance Fair** on April 11, from 1:00-4:00 PM. Led by Sharon Groh. We are in the very early stages of planning this event, so I can't tell you much at this time. There will be much to share with you as our planning unfolds.

The PI Team Brochure Writing Sub Team has finished the update of our tri-fold brochure. It looks great! We (Vicki Baggio, Sharon Groh, Janet Broche and I) are preparing rack cards to supplement the brochure. These cards will provide more information about our church, our fellowship groups, ways we engage with our community, our worship and our core beliefs. These will probably be made available to folks in our help center.

The goal of these efforts is to continually explore ways that we can reach out to and engage the community. It is my frequently stated goal, that anyone who comes to our church and our property have a good experience. Having a good experience at Resurrection creates engagement, heightens the awareness of others about our church and what we do, and encourages them to visit again and to perhaps join us in worship or reach out to us in a crisis or time of need.

Always remember, our God calls us to plant seeds and to plant seeds faithfully. *It is God who grows the church.* Our God calls us to reach out and care for our neighbor and community. *It is God who grows the church.* We are called to pray for our church – to invite God to open our hearts and minds to the needs of our neighbors and community. *It is God who grows the church.*

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

Pastor Jan

## Come join us at our



# Resource Fair

April 11 from 1:00 - 4:00



**FEBRUARY**

## News & Updates

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### Second Sunday Lunch Bunch

February 9th, 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.



### Church Email

Are you receiving emails from Resurrection Lutheran? If not, please contact the Church Office. We recently discovered a couple of members were not receiving them. An email from the church will look similar to the example to the right and will say "Constant Contact" at the bottom. Constant Contact is the platform/service being used to send out uniform emails.



Join us at church for . . .

### Afternoon at the Movies

**Monday, Feb. 17 at 2:00 PM.**

What will we watch?

"Jerusalem: Center of the World," a PBS documentary. Join us for a 2-hour trip to Jerusalem!



CASH PRIZE

**February 21, 6:30 PM**

Resurrection Lutheran Church  
1211 Homer Adams Parkway  
Godfrey, IL 62035

**618-466-2788 or 618-792-1777**

**Tables are limited . . . CALL NOW !**



*Bring your own drinks & snacks. . . join us for a night of challenging fun !*



- **Feb. 13** - Dinner at 6pm. Monthly meeting at 7pm
- **Feb. 21** - Assist with setup and hosting Trivia Night

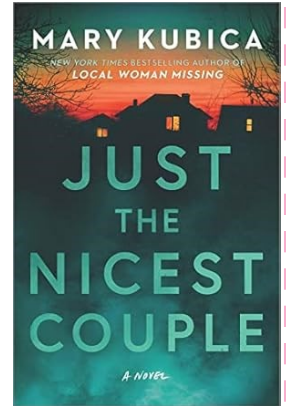
Thanks, Dan Garner  
618-792-1777



## Book Club

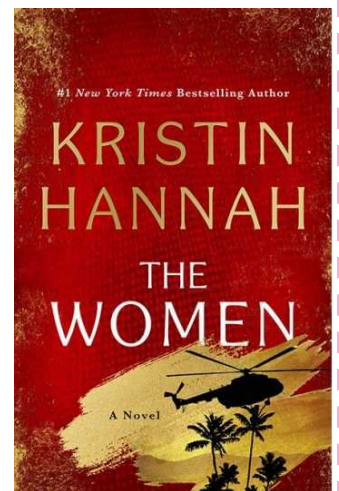
February 13th, at 6:30 pm, Teresa Droste will be our discussion leader. Our meeting will be held at the church and everyone is welcome to attend. Her book of choice is Just The Nicest Couple by Mary Kubica. The book is available at our local library.

**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.



On **March 13th**, Carol Garner will be our discussion leader and her book choice is The Women by Kristin Hannah. Available at our local library.

**Summary:** "Women can be heroes, too." When twenty-year-old nursing student Frances "Frankie" McGrath hears these unexpected words, it is a revelation. Raised on idyllic Coronado Island and sheltered by her conservative parents, she has always prided herself on doing the right thing, being a good girl. But in 1965 the world is changing, and she suddenly imagines a different choice for her life. When her brother ships out to serve in Vietnam, she impulsively joins the Army Nurse Corps and follows his path. As green and inexperienced as the men sent to Vietnam to fight, Frankie is overwhelmed by the chaos and destruction of war, as well as the unexpected trauma of coming home to a changed and politically divided America. The Women is the story of one woman gone to war, but it shines a light on the story of all women who put themselves in harm's way to help others. Women whose sacrifice and commitment to their country has all too often been forgotten. A novel of searing insight and lyric beauty, The Women is a profoundly emotional, richly drawn story with a memorable heroine whose extraordinary idealism and courage under fire define a generation.



Ruth Wolter  
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# Cards 'n Cookies.

**What:** A Community Engagement ministry activity.

**Why:** Area Nonprofit organizations, First Responders and Law Enforcement personnel work tirelessly to keep our communities safe and provide much needed services. We want to recognize their efforts as a way of proclaiming God's grace in the world. Gratitude builds connection. Not just a quick "thanks" in passing but a heartfelt, genuine expression of appreciation. Scripture provides many lessons in being both thankful and grateful for the life God gives us.

**Who:** All church members and friends are invited to take part by 1) donating homemade or purchased cookies or fruit, 2) helping with delivery preparations, 3) writing cards with messages of encouragement / thanks, and/or 4) volunteering to deliver Cards 'n Cookies.

**When:** 2/16/2025 at 11:00 a.m. for card writing and cookie / fruit sorting.  
Deliveries planned after worship service and on Monday.

**How:** Greeting cards will be available for writing messages on Sunday. We will sort and prepare cookie containers based on what members bring. Deliveries will be coordinated for the receiving organizations depending upon the final number of cookie/fruit trays.

**Where:** Young Hall will be ground zero for card writing, sorting, delivery preparation, and fun fellowship among participants.



## Highlight's from Church Council – January

### REPORTS

- \* **Treasurer's Report:** Total offering for December was \$17,466.42. A parishioner that pays quarterly accounts for most of the increase. Total income for December was \$17,568.66. Total expenses were \$14,227.39 for the month. The power bill jumped to \$967.15. **Our net income for December was \$3,219.03.**
- \* **President's Report:** Neal followed up on a few items from last month, including purchasing a memorial, purchasing a decorative glass calendar for the narthex and regrouping Council with new dates/times to meet with the congregation, as weather and communications with the Bishop's office delayed the process.
- \* **Pastor's Report:**
  - The first Afternoon at the Movies was held on 1/21. Only one member attended.
  - The PI Team continues with Outreach efforts. The Brochure team will meet to begin work on the sub brochures highlighting the various activities and groups at Resurrection.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Lunch Bunch will meet on Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> at Bluff City Grill after being canceled in January.
  - Russ is prerecording our services during the week and the s seems to be a good fix for the time being. He has agreed to play for Ash Wednesday and Lenten Services as he will already be at church to record those Sunday's music.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- \* **No committees met and/or reported anything to Council for December.**

### NEW BUSINESS

- \* Dan Garner presented several upcoming events that the Men's Club would like to host during the next several months. Council voted to accept the proposed activities and looks forward to all of our community outreach efforts. . . stay tuned !
- \* Council voted on paying Elyse Tillman for the Christmas Eve. As always, we are truly blessed to have her share her talents with us.
- \* Pastor will contact the local TV stations in regards to the process of reporting canceled services when inclement weather arises. Pastor and Neal will check with Janet Broche in regards to gaining access to Constant Contact, the platform used to send our mass emails. We would like to be able to send out notifications remotely when an urgent situation, funeral, prayers for someone hospitalized, etc. occurs. It's not convenient to have that access only available at the Church office.
- \* Council approved and voted on the purchase of 2 Lenten/Easter Worship banners.
- \* Council discussed reclassifying the Community Garden to a Committee. Bob Doerr and Mark Groh would serve as the committee heads.



## CONTINUING BUSINESS

- \* Discussion on the purchase of a memorial gift continued.
- \* Council approved the purchase of a large, decorative glass calendar for the Narthex in December. Brief discussion on its placement occurred. Kay will place the order.
- \* Pending Neal's availability, Council decided to host the small meetings with the congregation in regards to pastoral needs on Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. The fourth session for anyone unable to attend will be held on Sunday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> following worship.



## 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."



6 Ann Isringhausen  
14 Pat Ford  
18 Neal Booth  
Rich Kelley  
20 Teresa Droste  
22 Meagan Broche  
28 Kathleen Lieber

HAPPY  
*Wedding*  
ANNIVERSARY

None that we are aware of at this time.

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

## FINANCIAL STATUS – December 2024

<b>MONEY MARKET BALANCE</b>	<b>\$52,515.11</b>
<b>GENERAL FUNDS CASH FLOW</b>	<b>\$3,341.27</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$22,067.20</b>

	<u>12/1/2024 - 12/31/2024</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
<b>GENERAL FUNDS DETAIL</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
Offering	\$17,446.42	\$152,864.16
Lenten Offering		\$1,803.21
Advent Offering		\$1,067.07
Other Income	\$122.24	\$6,536.55
<b>Total General Fund Income</b>	<b>\$17,568.66</b>	<b>\$159,400.71</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Benevolence	\$275.00	\$4,330.00
Building and Grounds	\$4,386.02	\$34,992.27
Christian Education	\$0.00	\$0.00
Church Mortgage	\$0.00	\$20,248.78
Evangelism	\$0.00	\$394.77
Insurance	\$570.00	\$6,719.35
Office	\$707.77	\$5,089.14
Personnel Costs	\$1,634.19	\$13,024.14
Personnel Salaries	\$6,468.50	\$57,876.73
Social Ministry	\$25.63	\$1,208.89
Stewardship Supplies	\$0.00	\$138.81
Worship	\$160.28	\$2,894.29
<b>Total General Fund Expenses</b>	<b>\$14,227.39</b>	<b>\$146,917.17</b>
<b>General Funds Cash Flow</b>	<b>\$3,341.27</b>	<b>\$12,483.54</b>

The Lenten and Advent Offerings do not get added into the General Fund Because those offerings go “outside our walls”. We have a parishioner who pays quaterly, which accounts for the bump in offerings this month. We also had several expenses related to the office and Advent and Christmas services.

# February 2025

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2 Lifelong Learners 9 am Worship 10am	3 Small Group Mtgs: 10:00 am 2:00 pm 6:30 pm	4 Scouts 7pm	5	6	7	8
9 Lifelong Learners 9 am Worship 10 am 2nd Sunday Bunch 11am	10 Brochure Team 1pm	11 Scouts 7 pm	12 PI Team 6:30 pm	13 Men's Club at Church 6 pm Book Club at Church 6:30 pm		
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23 Lifelong Learners 9 am Worship 10 am	24 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	25 Men's Bible Study 6 pm Scouts 7pm	26	27	28	

**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*

**CONGREGATIONAL LEADERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Janet Broche, Church Secretary  
Ruth Wolter, *Book Club*  
Jim Lieber, *Christian Education, Evangelism*  
Pator Worms, *Facebook and Social Media*  
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Kay Tucker, *Finance*  
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