

the Resurrectionist

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

Be still

If something is from God,
it will find you again
—without begging for it,
without forcing it,
and without controlling it.
It will come naturally.

All you have to do is be still.
All He wants you to do is trust Him.
Not only is He handling it,
But He's handling it better than
you ever could. Trust Him. Amen.

Pastor's Pen

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It's time for a **Spring Fling!** Bring your friends and neighbors, kids and grandkids to church on **Saturday, May 3**. Free hot dogs, chips, games, relay races, bounce houses, storytelling with Mr. Mark, egg hunt, Tootsie Pop Hunt, prizes and lots of fun!

Welcome new member **Pam Walls!** Thanks to Carol Garner for introducing her to us. Welcome Pam, we're so glad to have you join us!

Sunday, May 4, we celebrate Lutheran Social Services of Illinois with a special **Good Shepherd Sunday** offering and prayers. This social outreach is entirely funded by all three ELCA synods in Illinois. Read more about LSSI elsewhere in this newsletter. There are 50 LSSI offices throughout Illinois. The nearest office to us is in Belleville, IL.

Several of you have expressed interest in learning about our liturgy. To answer your questions, or at least some of them, the Worship Committee is planning a **Narrative Eucharist** for Sunday, **May 11**. As we worship, members of the Worship Committee will narrate, providing us with an opportunity to learn more about our liturgy and how it came to be.

Rogate Sunday -- May 18 -- immediately after worship -- Blessing of Fields, Commerce and our Community Garden.

The Worship Committee wants to bring back **greeters** to serve before Eucharist each Sunday. So far, we have three volunteers! We would like at least six volunteers. You and one other person would serve for a month at a time. This is a valuable ministry to welcome newcomers to worship with us. Once we have six volunteers, you would attend a very short meeting with me where I would review with you your responsibilities in this role. All are welcome and invited to volunteer. Please let me know if you are interested in serving.

Due to Mother's Day, **2nd Sunday Lunch Bunch** will not meet in May.

Life Long Learners continues the study of Saint Luke at 9:00 A.M. Sunday mornings.

We learned from Bill Stoutenborough that our founding pastor, **The Rev Dr Fred Giraud**, passed into Eternal Life March 6. A few weeks ago, I was pleasantly surprised to receive a phone call from his widow, Judy. Judy reported that Pastor Giraud kept up with news of Resurrection through our newsletter and worship guides. Judy asked to have those items sent to her email address because she wants to keep in touch with us, too. I was so pleased to hear that! You may remember that Dr Giraud was a colleague of mine when I worked at C.A.R.E & Counseling in St Louis. I haven't talked to Judy in perhaps 30+ years, and it was delightful for me to hear from her, even though the circumstances of her call were sad, but joyful, too, as we remember that Pr Giraud now worships with us but on a different shore and in a greater light. A memorial service will be held in August. Memorials in honor of Dr Giraud may be sent to the Missouri Botanical Garden, a place they both loved and enjoyed.

Easter Day could not have been more glorious! Beautiful music, beautiful flowers, and a delicious breakfast hosted by our Men's Group. All perfect and a joyous way to share the Good News of Jesus' resurrection. Thank you all!

Hearty thanks to Sharon Groh for organizing an exceptional Health and Resources Fair for our Community! All those very long hours Sharon devoted to the planning and organization paid off with a very successful, and helpful, outreach to our community. Volunteers made the set up and tear down a breeze and added greatly to the good experience of the day. Thank you all!

I'm delighted that 20 of you participated in the Evangelism Workshops in Lent. Your eagerness to learn and the good suggestions you all offered I appreciate greatly. Outreach is an area that we will continue to "mine." And we're doing very well doing so. Our Health & Resource Fair, Community Concerts, Spring Fling and Swap Meet for car parts (upcoming in May), Car shows . . . these are all wonderful and effective ways for us to show care and share the Love of Jesus to our community. We may be on the small side, but no one can accuse us of sitting around on our hands doing nothing! I'm very, very proud of all of you and honored to serve with you. We are a vibrant church! May God continue to bless our efforts with His grace.

I'm leaving town Monday, for my own "Spring Fling." As always, I will miss you and pray for you. You are welcome to contact me anytime, regardless of if I'm home or away. Call me or send a text or email. I will be spending a few days in Atlanta, and then my beloved Smokey Mountains. Of all the many places I've been, I've never visited Atlanta. I've driven past and driven around Atlanta but never stayed there. I'm looking forward to some new adventures!

Peace be with you and yours from me and my little grey cat, Lilly,

Pr Jan



May

News & Updates

May

Second Sunday Lunch Bunch

We will not be dining out in May as the 2nd Sunday is Mother's Day. Happy Mother's Day !!!

We are attempting to make plans for Sunday, June 8th at Aerie's Winery and Resort in Grafton

Grab a ride with someone and join us for fellowship and conversations outside the brick walls of Homer Adams. It's a refreshing change !

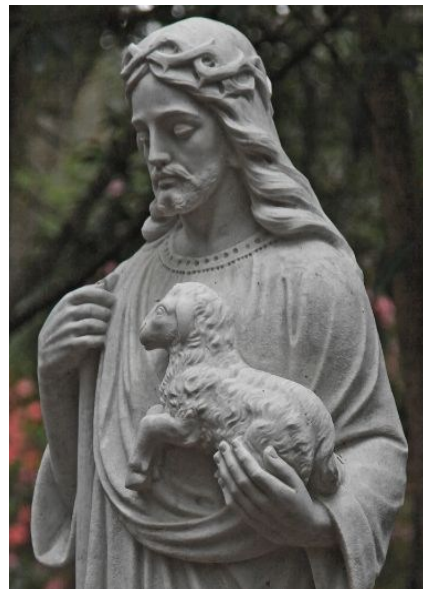


Please see the sign-up in the narthex for attending and offering to carpool.

Good Shepherd Sunday

Good Shepherd Sunday is May 4th. It offers the opportunity to open our hearts and arms to welcome all into Jesus' abundant life.

Serving Illinois since 1867, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) is one of the largest nonprofit, statewide social service providers. LSSI welcomes and serves people from diverse backgrounds. LSSI provides critical social and human services for Illinois residents, including foster care, mental health services, alcohol and drug treatment, affordable senior housing, home care services for older adults, residential programs for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and programs that help people and families impacted by incarceration. LSSI strives to bring dignity, health, and well-being, and the promise of reaching one's full potential to the more than 56,000 children, adults, and seniors the organization serves annually.



The next two pages provide insight to the impact LSSI made last year just about this same time.

Resurrection will be taking up a special collection on Sunday, May 4th with an additional \$500 donated on behalf of Resurrection.

Visit <https://www.lssi.org/> to learn more about
Lutheran Social Services of Illinois



Lutheran Social Services of Illinois

2024 IMPACT STATEMENT • JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024

Mission

Responding to the Gospel, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) brings healing, justice, and wholeness to people and communities.

Vision

LSSI strives to bring dignity, health and well-being, and the promise of reaching one's full potential to the children, adults, and seniors we serve.

ILLINOIS

People Served

56,755* children, adults, seniors, and families; one in every 211 Illinoisans

By Age: 66% of children served were ages 12–17.

16% of people served by all programs were ages 25–34.

By Annual Income:
72% below \$5,000
92% below \$25,000

56,755*
*8% more
than 2023



This *Impact Statement* encapsulates our progress in Fiscal Year 2024 through updates on LSSI programs and news of the clients we served.



Foster Care Services

Every child deserves a nurturing, welcoming, loving home. LSSI's Foster Care Program continually seeks to improve services. Our goal: to help children find their forever homes—whenever possible—either through reunification, adoption, or guardianship. As the largest private provider of foster care services in Illinois, LSSI trains and supports foster parents who welcome children who have been removed from their birth families due to abuse and/or neglect. LSSI provides licensing for foster parents and services in 12 offices covering 42 counties in Illinois.

2,647 children were served through foster care placements.

Therapeutic Foster Care

LSSI provides Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC) for children experiencing severe trauma and those with emotional/behavioral issues. This evidence-based treatment is in single-family homes in Aurora, Chicago, and Rockford, rather than institutional settings. Of the children discharged from the program last year, 100% successfully completed their treatment and joined their planned aftercare families.



"Children in foster care are worthy of our investment because they are our future.

If we intervene sooner, we can help prevent some of these longer-term issues and struggles. If we can generationally improve it, we are changing the course of a family."

—Lindsey, LSSI Foster Parent

Mental Health Services

Good mental health can positively impact every aspect of one's life. To serve the mental health and substance use needs of clients on Chicago's Northwest Side, LSSI offers case management, mental health service, peer supports, family support, counseling services, integrated healthcare, and crisis services through its Portage Cragin Counseling Center, a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC). LSSI's five Project IMPACT sites and Welcoming Center, serving Chicago and nearby suburbs, also provided mental health services.

LSSI provided critical mental health services to **17,096*** clients.
*11% more than 2023

Alcohol and Drug Treatment

Alcohol and drug use can have devastating effects on one's life. LSSI offers a full continuum of treatment for those with substance use disorders. Services include DUI Counseling and Education, Healthy Start Recovery Homes, Inpatient Rehabilitation, Outpatient Substance Use Treatment, and Sober Living. These services are offered in Chicago, Elgin, and Sterling.

LSSI served **2,503** clients with a substance use disorder.



Prisoner and Family Ministry

LSSI offers support and hope to people who are incarcerated and those who have recently reentered the community. Programs include Visits to Mom, the Storybook Project, and reentry services.

LSSI served **595** individuals and families impacted by incarceration.



Intact Family Services

When a family has come to the attention of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, Intact Family Services works to help stabilize, improve, and preserve family life, enabling children to remain safely at home.

1,318 families were enrolled in this program last year.

Affordable Housing

Having a home is a basic human need. LSSI offers affordable housing to those 62+ and people over age 18 with disabilities at 20 sites throughout the state. LSSI Social Service Coordinators are available at each site.

1,403 residents with an annual income between \$5,000 and \$25,000 were provided affordable housing by LSSI.



People with Developmental Disabilities

LSSI helps adults (18+) with intellectual/developmental disabilities live successfully in their communities, whether residential or community-based.

LSSI served **130** clients with developmental disabilities.

Intouch Home Care Services

Intouch Home Care Services promote independence and well-being for older adults and are tailored to the unique needs of each individual. Offered in Cook County, these services include personal care, transitional care, memory care, companion care, and more.



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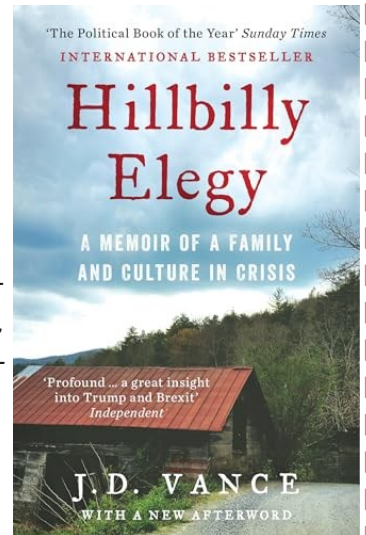
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Book Club

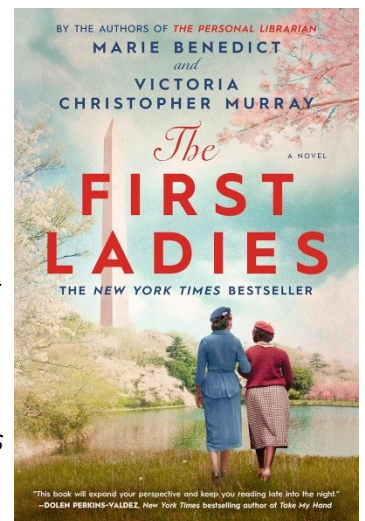
Debra Spaul is the discussion leader for May 8th. Her book choice is Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance. The book is available through the library and the movie can also be viewed on Netflix.

Summary: A passionate and personal analysis of a culture in crisis - that of white working-class Americans, a demographic of our country that has been slowly disintegrating over forty years. J. D. Vance tells the true story of what a social, regional, and class decline feels like when you were born with it hung around your neck. J. D. Vance's grandparents moved north from Kentucky's Appalachia region to Ohio in the hopes of escaping the dreadful poverty around them. They raised a middle-class family, and eventually their grandchild (the author) would graduate from Yale Law School, a conventional marker of their success in achieving generational upward mobility. Vance's grandparents, aunt, uncle, sister, and, most of all, his mother, struggled profoundly with the demands of their new middle-class life, and were never able to fully escape the legacy of abuse, alcoholism, poverty, and trauma. The story of how upward mobility really feels, and is a meditation on the loss of the American dream for a large segment of this country.



Jody Kluender will be the discussion leader for **June 12th** meeting, and her book choice is The First Ladies by Marie Benedict & Victoria Christopher Murray. The book is available through the library.

Summary: The daughter of formerly enslaved parents, Mary McLeod Bethune refuses to back down as white supremacists attempt to thwart her work. She marches on as an activist and an educator, and as her reputation grows, she becomes a celebrity, revered by titans of business and recognized by U.S. Presidents. Eleanor Roosevelt herself is awestruck and eager to make her acquaintance. Initially drawn together because of their shared belief in women's rights and the power of education, Mary and Eleanor become fast friends confiding their secrets, hopes and dreams-and holding each other's hands through personal and professional strife. When Franklin Delano Roosevelt is elected president, the two women begin to collaborate more closely, particularly as Eleanor moves toward her own agenda separate from FDR, a consequence of the devastating discovery of her husband's secret love affair. Eleanor becomes a controversial First Lady for her outspokenness, particularly on civil rights. And when she receives threats because of her strong ties to Mary, it only fuels the women's desire to fight together for justice and equality.



Anyone wishing to attend our group meetings is certainly welcome. You know the dates and time, just show up and join in the fellowship, fun and laughter of the evening.

Ruth Wolter
618-433-1469

Highlight's from Church Council – April

REPORTS

- * **Treasurer's Report:** Total offering for the month was \$13,539.04. Total income for the month was \$14,591.47. We have a parishioner who pays quarterly which accounts for the increase. Total expenses were \$14,1097.74 for the month. **The cash flow balance for the month was \$481.73.**
- * **President's Report:** Discussion on property committee repairs/concerns were addressed.
- * **Pastor's Report:**
 - 2nd Sunday Lunch Bunch will not meet until June.
 - A suggestion was made to have the TV in narthex have a rolling power point presentation of activities. This would require someone creating a power point and hooking up their laptop and/or tablet to the TV weekly.
 - A request was made for a sturdy locking file cabinet in the Pastor's Office. Council will look into this.
 - Brochure racks are being looked at, possibly with a request to have one custom made.
 - Pastor is very pleased with our continued outreach and evangelism efforts as well as the increase in participation in these efforts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- * **Property–** Landscaping companies will be contacted for bids on the drainage and grading issues causing water to come into the sanctuary underneath the fire exit doors. Ryan Roofing will be called to investigate an internal leak occurring above the sanctuary door. A yard work day will be discussed for June- -right now things are in good shape from the fall.

NEW BUSINESS

- * A motion was made and passed to donate \$250 to the Missouri Botanical Gardens in Memorial of Pastor Frederick Giraud, the founding pastor of Resurrection who passed away 3-6-25. His wife Judith recently reached out to Pastor Jan. Fred and Juidth were still following our activities and newsletter.

<https://bellefontainecemetery.org/obituaries/frederick-charles-giraud/>

CONTINUING BUSINESS

- * The progress of Spring Fling was discussed.
- * Neal is still pricing the laptop that will be purchased for the treasurer and Neal (for the newsletter). Purchase will most likely be made from HP directly or HSN. Both have the best prices going right now.
- * Although we tabled activating the alarm last year, the possibility of burglaries increasing could become a significant threat if the tariffs and economy turn for the worse as predicted. Neal will follow up on the condition of the alarm system with Dan C. and Pass Security.



Community Garden

April showers bring a great harvest in the summer. The Community Garden team has been working hard. The garden has been tilled, manure spread, and early vegetables such as lettuce, broccoli, and cauliflower planted.

A salute to the Men's Club for installing the new gate and a grateful "Thank You" for the monetary donations and all the many volunteer hours.

Sincerely,
Mark Groh



Men's Club

- Meeting May 10th - dinner at 6, meeting at 7pm
- Swap Meet May 17

Thanks, Dan Garner
618-792-1777



Gift Cards



On Feb. 24th, Pastor Jan handed out the last gift card. **We have none at this time.** If you would like to support those less fortunate in our community, gift cards from Schnuck's, QT and Aldi can be purchased and dropped off at any time. Or, you can provide a donation towards the purchase of more cards. We have been purchasing them in \$20 increments. Thank you for your support in this ongoing effort.



16 Karen Woods
31 Mark Groh

HAPPY
Wedding
ANNIVERSARY

10 Tim and Ruth Belfield
19 Dan and Carol Garner
Bud and Mary Elizabeth Jackson
21 David and Kay Tucker
22 Mike and Elyse Tillman

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



Congratulations Resurrection Lutheran Church!



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FINANCIAL STATUS – March 2024

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|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| MONEY MARKET BALANCE | \$22,925.11 |
| GENERAL FUNDS CASH FLOW | \$481.73 |
| GENERAL FUND BALANCE | \$28,553.30 |
| CD DEPOSITS | \$40,000.00 |

| | <u>3/1/2025 - 3/31/2025</u> | <u>YEAR TO DATE</u> |
|------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| GENERAL FUNDS DETAIL | | |
| Income | | |
| Offering | \$13,539.04 | \$38,179.73 |
| Lenten Offering | | |
| Advent Offering | | |
| Other Income | \$1,052.43 | \$1,781.46 |
| Total General Fund Income | \$14,591.47 | \$39,961.19 |
| Expenses | | |
| Benevolence | \$330.00 | \$930.00 |
| Building and Grounds | \$3,676.38 | \$11,592.78 |
| Christian Education | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Evangelism | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Insurance | \$570.00 | \$1,710.00 |
| Office | \$922.75 | \$1,673.55 |
| Personnel Costs | \$1,529.27 | \$4,433.07 |
| Personnel Salaries | \$7,081.34 | \$15,726.44 |
| Social Ministry | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Stewardship Supplies | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Worship | \$0.00 | \$576.92 |
| Total General Fund Expenses | \$14,109.74 | \$36,642.76 |
| General Funds Cash Flow | \$481.73 | \$3,318.43 |

The bump in the offering is due to a parishioner who pays quarterly. The increase in personnel salaries is due to Lenten services.



May 2025

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Sat

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| <div>Rev. Jan S. Worms</div> <div>gracious@midwest.net</div> <div>Office Hours by appointment</div> | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 Spring Fling 1-3 p |
| 4 Worship 10am | 5 | 6 Scouts 7pm | 7 | 8 Men's Club at Church 6:00 pm Book Club at Church 6:30 pm | 9 | 10 PEO use of park- ing lot from 9 a– 12 p Men's Club Work Day 9a |
| 11 Life Long Learners 9am Worship 10am | 12 Young Hall in use 10 a –2 p | 13 Scouts 7pm | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 Swap Meet 6 am setup 8 a–12 pm (May 31st rain date) |
| 18 Life Long Learners 9am Worship 10am Church Council 11am | 19 Brochure Team 1:15 pm Young Hall in use 1 - 4 p | 20 Scouts 7pm | 21 | 22 PI Team at 6:30 pm | 23 | 24 Memorial Service 10 am (Jaffry) |
| 25 Life Long Learners 9am Worship 10am | 26 Newsletter Deadline | 27 Scouts 7pm | 28 Red Cross Blood Drive 1-5 pm | 29 Men's Bible Study 5:30 pm | 30 | 31 |

Rev. Jan S. Worms, Interim

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

Neal Booth, President
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