

the Resurrectionist

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

A Prayer to Start the Summer Well

[Ecclesiastes 3:1](#) tells us, “For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.”

As the season of summer is upon us, what will this be your season for? Healing from a wound, physical or emotional? A new start after feeling stuck all winter and spring? Will it be your season to mourn a loss or your season to celebrate life?

Sometimes we want all the good all the time. Yet life has its ebbs and flows. However, we can still experience joy even in seasons of struggles.

Here is a prayer as you start a new month – and the season of summer – to make this your season of growth and a closer walk with Jesus, as that can happen no matter what else is going on in your life.

Lord God,

I offer this month of June, this season of summer, to You. Regardless of what is going on around me, You have given me breath in my lungs and life in my body to live for You. Help me to find ways to celebrate life and the hope I have in You every single day. Open the doors in front of me to walk into Your will. Open my eyes to recognize each opportunity to share Your love and the truth of Your Word with someone who needs it. Each day of this new month, chart me a clear path to be obedient to You and to be used for Your kingdom purposes, no matter how small or seemingly insignificant the work may be. Give me a servant’s mindset to see every task in front of me as an opportunity to glorify You so that “whatever [I] do, in word or deed, [I] do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father” ([Colossians 3:17](#) NASB).



Pastor's Pen

A word from the heart

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Summer is near! Activities slow down a bit at Resurrection, but not too much. There is still quite a bit going on in June.

First up, **2nd Sunday Lunch Bunch** goes to **Aerie's Winery** in Grafton on June 8, after worship. Aerie's sits high on the hill overlooking the Mississippi River. The views are amazing! The menu is limited to soup, sandwiches and pizza, but I have no doubt you'll find a tasty option to enjoy. Margie Snep has arranged this fun afternoon for us. Margie's son-in-law works at Aerie's and has arranged for a shuttle bus to meet us at the bottom of the hill and transport us to the top. If you prefer, you may pay to take the chair lift to the top. See the sign up in the church entrance. Thanks to Margie for arranging this unique experience for us to enjoy.

Second, **Lifelong Learners** begins a new Sunday morning study at 9:00 A.M. We will learn about various denominations and churches. We will spend two to three weeks learning about various groups including Mormons, Baptist, Methodist, Episcopal, Jewish, Orthodox, Quaker and others. This promises to be a very interesting and enlightening learning time. Knowing more about how others worship increases our understanding of and appreciation for others. Each study is led by a member who practices the religion. We begin the series with a study of Mormonism, presented by an active Mormon. Gather with us for a time of interesting discussion and learning.

I will be away two Sundays in June to Fort Smith, Arkansas. Why Fort Smith, you may ask. I'm attending an Icon writing workshop led by a master icon writer from Greece. Orthodox all the practice of painting an icon "writing" an icon. Why that is, I do not know. Perhaps I will learn. **Worship June 15 & 22** will be led by Pastor Karen Scherer and Mr. Dennis Kemper from the MO Central District of the ELCA. Lifelong Learners will not meet on these two Sundays, but you are certainly welcome to come at 9:00 A.M. to enjoy coffee and fellowship in Young Hall.

Neither Joan Smith or Judy Ford drive now. We will be bringing Holy Communion to them. I know that we will miss seeing them in Worship. Please remember them in your prayers, and also Jonathon and Kevin Vick who moved to the Chicago area to be closer to their parents. See the attached thank-you letter from the Vicks who also provided a generous donation to Resurrection.

A BIG shoutout to our Men's Group for their amazing donation of water to the tornado victims in St Louis. Learn all the details from Dan's article elsewhere in this newsletter. And, to the men for a very successful swap meet for car parts. Our Men's Group is such a blessing to all of us and our community. Resurrection is unique in having such a great Men's Group. I think that's grand, and I appreciate all that they do. I'm sure that you agree. Say "thanks" to them when you see them.

I will miss you while I am away. Please contact me anytime by phone, email or text. Pray for me and our church, as I pray for you.

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



May 20, 2025

To: Pastor Worms & the Good People of Resurrection

We are so grateful for all the kindness and guidance given to our sons, Jonathan & Kevin Vick. Sunday worship, Men's Club and other events gave them joy and a sense of belonging that was sometimes lacking at their Godfrey homes.

Special thanks to Bill and Fay Stouterborough for becoming surrogate parents, or maybe more accurately, grandparents. They and many others will never be forgotten by Kevin & Jonathan, and us.

We always enjoyed worship at Resurrection. It was a good change of pace and perspective from our weekly worship at a much larger ELCA church.

Finally, to the person(s) who told our sons recently that our sons ^{they} had good singing voices well, we're not so sure. But as my former choir director, good or bad voice, "sing strong in the worshipping of God, wether your voice is good or not."

Chuck & Diane Vick



News & Updates



Second Sunday Lunch Bunch

Sunday, June 8th we take another jaunt into Grafton, this time to visit.

Aerie's Winery and Resort

Aerie's Winery, perched atop Aerie's Hill overlooking the City of Grafton and great rivers, offers a wide variety of house-made and international wines which pair well with the menu at The Terrace at Aerie's Resort. Thanks to Margie Snep's son-in-law, we have arrangements for a shuttle van to pick us up on the parking lot and take us to the top of the bluff. ***Please be advised it's a limited menu !***



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.



Whether you are the **one** that recently chaired an event, the **one** that trimmed the bushes, the **one** that keeps our coffee supplied, the **one** that mopped a floor, the **one** that sprayed for weeds, the **one** that ordered a banner, the **one** that stacked heavy tables, the **one** that cleaned up flooding in the sanctuary, the **one** that did some grilling, the **one** that built new shelves, the **one** that sent out an important email, the **one** that got extra dirty, the **one** that did unplanned baking, the **one** that adjusted the volume, the **one** that made use of their personal truck and gas, or the **ONE** that helped with any of the hundred plus other things that have been happening around Resurrection lately, just know that Council, Pastor Jan and others know and appreciate what you did. We all owe each other a **BIG THANK YOU** for being that **ONE** to take the innovative and make it happen!





CASH PRIZE

June 20, 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 !

\$5

**ENTRY FEE or
5 Can Goods for the
Alton Food Bank**



Men's Club

- Meeting June 12 - dinner at 6, meeting at 7pm

Thanks, Dan Garner
618-792-1777



Men's Club— Local Disaster Support

HELP, HELP.....WATER!!!

May 16, an F3 tornado hit the Central and Northern districts of St. Louis City. The tornado was on the ground for nearly 23 miles, eventually crossing into Illinois. Seven people lost their lives and over 5000 buildings were damaged. Power, water, gas, and the ability to navigate through streets did not exist, still presenting issues in many of the neighborhoods hit. Presently, homeowners are trying to stay on premises to protect their belongings and salvage what property they can find.

On Monday, May 19, local TV stations were asking for help for victims and emphasized the need for drinking water. Several members of Resurrection's Men's Club, following guidance from the Lord, agreed to help. A call went out to the Salvation Army Disaster Relief, St. Louis Division. Martin Rueter, Division Director, was more than thankful of the idea of providing water to victims.

On Tuesday, May 20, four RLC Men's Club Members took on the task. Seven local retail businesses were contacted, and 1/3 of them donated, two members bought 1/3 and the Men's Club purchased the remaining 1/3 of 175-24 bottle cases of water. This equates to 7700 lbs. of water that were loaded in an 18-foot trailer. By Tuesday afternoon the water arrived in St. Louis at the Salvation Army Disaster Warehouse. It was learned that St. Louis city water locations would not be operating until May 23. Thus, RLC water came at a time of great need.



The acknowledgement of the need, acquisition of water, and delivery to help was all possible by the Lord's direction.

Sincerely,
Dan Garner



Social Ministry

Not everyone who faces food insecurity simply needs food. Food insecurity can mean a household is experiencing challenges paying for food, medicine, housing, childcare, transportation, or utility bills. Simply providing food isn't always the solution. We learned from the April Community Health and Resource Fair about several Madison County programs available that offer support to individuals and families facing life circumstances that may require short-term help. Seniors who never dreamed their well-planned financial futures would be depleted due to unforeseen medical costs, are more and more frequently looking to government programs for assistance.

Food Pantries don't just help people with food. They work together with partner organizations and government agencies to assist with everything from obtaining gently used clothing, personal care items, completing SNAP applications and accessing Medicaid resources. The budget reconciliation bill passed by the House in May 2024 cut \$290 billion from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). These funding cuts greatly affect the ability of the 42 million people who rely on SNAP to feed themselves and their families. The bill is now with the Senate.

Resurrection Church has proclaimed God's glory in the community by being a generous supporter of the Alton Crisis Food Center with both non-perishable food items and seasonal vegetables from the Community Garden. As a reminder, the Center also has a store for people needing gently used clothing and household items. *Men's clothing; especially shoes, socks, and sweatshirts, are appreciated by our unhoused neighbors.*

Food suggestions for June: Peanut Butter, Canned Tuna / Chicken (flip top lid), Olive or Canola Oil, Honey, Canned Beans

Food donations can be left in the designated blue barrel in the narthex. Other marked items for the store can be left in the coat closet for a volunteer to deliver. You can also deliver directly to the Center at

21 E Sixth St, Alton
Weekdays 8:30 AM–4 PM
(618) 462-8201



Community Garden

A new flower bed south of the Community Garden was added to supplement the vegetables. Native plants were intentionally selected to help with pollination for the vegetables and encourage biodiversity. The flowers will not only add beauty to the site but will help promote a steady population of beneficial insects. Birds eat insects, and having a bird-friendly garden will hopefully help control pests. Many birds, including the declining number of songbirds, love slugs as do many beneficial soil organisms. By adding flowers we also want to attract butterflies who need native habitat.

Seasonal blooms will be included for distribution with the produce at the Crisis Food Center and the Oasis Women's Center to brighten the spirits of anyone receiving a colorful bouquet. Emotional well-being is an important factor in physical health, one of the multiple goals of the Community Garden. Flowers will also be shared with our members receiving homebound communion. The Community Garden Team welcomes any donations of vases or containers to place cut flowers in for delivery. Help us proclaim God's beauty through nature!

Flowers in the Garden: Gayfeather, Purple Coneflowers, black-eyed Susans, Spiderwort, Columbines, New England Asters, American Alumroot, and several types of Irises .



Happy
Father's
Day

The righteous
man walks in
his integrity;
**His children
are blessed
after him.**

PROVERBS 20:7

Highlight's from Church Council – April

REPORTS

- * **Treasurer's Report:** Total offering for the month was \$11,499.41. Total income for the month was \$12,083.89. Total expenses were \$13,406.34. **The cash flow balance for the month was \$-1,319.45.**
- * **President's Report:** Discussion on property committee repairs/concerns were addressed.
- * **Pastor's Report:**
 - Life Long Learners will begin a new study following Memorial Day weekend on other denominations.
 - PI Team will end work on the brochures and continue with Outreach. They will also begin discussing Committee Structures and staffing. New brochure racks are in the making as well.
 - Pastor will be away for two weeks in June.
 - Pastor and the Tillmans will attend the Synod Assembly June 5-7 in Bloomington. Worship will be livestreamed on the Synod's YouTube channel.
 - Pastor is very pleased with our continued outreach and evangelism efforts as well as the increase in participation in these efforts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- * **Property–** Contacting landscape companies has been placed on hold as we continue to test the new black drainage pipes placed above ground on both corners of the sanctuary. An issue with the faucet at the hand washing station in the kitchen will be looked at/addressed. A purchase of the specialized lightbulbs used throughout the sanctuary will be made. We have no spares at this time and plan on ordering a decent supply of each kind.
- * **Men's Club–** The Swap Meet was a success with 15 vendors, about 200 visitors, \$150 in food sales and \$300 in fees collected. Another Trivia Nite is in the works for June 20th at 6:30 pm. The entry fee is \$5 or 5 can goods for the Alton Food Bank. The Cars and Coffee shows are coming up on July 12th and September 13th. The Men's Club has also cleaned out the Young Hall closet, old classroom and the out building. The spaces look the best they have in years !!!

NEW BUSINESS

- * A motion was made and passed to donate \$200 to Pedal For a Purpose, to show our support of Sam and Stephanie Tillman who are Active in campus ministry at the University of Illinois.
- * A motion was made and passed to donate \$200 to Malagasy Lutheran Church, Madagascar. This is where the offerings from this year's Synod Assembly will be donated.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

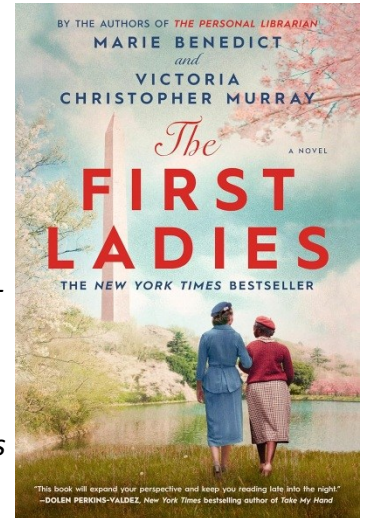
- * Neal has purchased a new laptop for him and Kay to facilitate for church related duties. The laptop is currently being setup. Neal is also working on resecuring various church accounts to current users only.



Book Club

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.



Book Club for July will not be meeting due to people vacationing. Wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday month.

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



- 9 Alan Robertson
- 10 Marilyn Otis
- 23 Bill Stoutenborough
- 26 Pastor Bill Veith

HAPPY
Wedding
ANNIVERSARY

- 9 Bill and Fay Stoutenborough
- 11 Gary and Tammy Neese
- 17 Alan and Cyndi Robertson

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

FINANCIAL STATUS – April 2025

MONEY MARKET BALANCE	\$25,995.11
GENERAL FUNDS CASH FLOW	(\$1,319.45)
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	\$28,298.09
CD DEPOSITS	\$40,000.00 (plus interest)

	<u>4/1/2025 - 4/30/2025</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS DETAIL		
Income		
Offering	\$11,499.41	\$49,679.14
Lenten Offering	\$2,285.00	\$2,285.00
Advent Offering		
Other Income	\$584.48	\$2,365.94
Total General Fund Income	\$12,083.89	\$52,045.08
Expenses		
Benevolence	\$300.00	\$1,230.00
Building and Grounds	\$3,647.82	\$15,240.60
Christian Education	\$0.00	\$0.00
Evangelism	\$0.00	\$0.00
Insurance	\$570.00	\$2,280.00
Office	\$494.76	\$2,168.31
Personnel Costs	\$1,525.36	\$5,958.43
Personnel Salaries	\$6,603.55	\$22,329.99
Social Ministry	\$0.00	\$0.00
Stewardship Supplies	\$186.85	\$186.85
Worship	\$75.00	\$651.92
Total General Fund Expenses	\$13,403.34	\$50,046.10
General Funds Cash Flow	(\$1,319.45)	\$1,998.98

Expenses were higher because of Lenten and Easter services. Please note that the \$2285 in Lenten offerings will got to Amare. We're still in the black for the year.



June 2025

Sun

Mon


Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1 Lifelong Learners 9am Worship 10am	2	3 Scouts 7pm	4	5 Synod Assembly, Bloomington IL	6	7
8 Lifelong Learners 9am Worship 10am 2nd Sunday Lunch 11am	9	10 Scouts 7pm	11	12 Men's Club at Church 6 pm Book Club at Church 6:30 pm	13	14 Pastor on Vacation 14th —24th ←
15 Worship 10am	16	17 Scouts 7pm	18	19	20 Trivia Nite 6:30 pm	21 →
22 Worship 10am	23 →	24 Scouts 7pm	25	26 Newsletter Deadline Men's Bible Study 5:30 pm	27	28 Young Hall in use 10-3
29 Lifelong Learners 9am Worship 10am RLC Council 11	30				<p><u>Rev. Jan S. Worms</u> gracious@midwest.net Office Hours by appointment</p>	

Rev. Jan S. Worms, Interim

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

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Margie Snep, & Sherry Wyatt, *At Large Members*

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