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## PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia! Once again, the year is flying by at a gallop. Easter was nearly a month ago. Our celebration was lovely and thanks to our Men's Group for serving a wonderful Easter Breakfast! For the most part, it's been a lovely Spring. I hope you've enjoyed it.

It is a joy to have Keith Collier worshipping with us again on Easter and the Sundays since and to hear him read our readings during worship two weeks ago. A warm welcome to family members and guests who have worshipped with us recently. We hope to see you again soon!

We honor our mothers and those who have been as mothers to us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in May, May 10. As has been our custom the past few year, we will pass a small cross during our prayers. When the cross is passed to you, please name your mother or the mother like person in your life and pass the cross to the next person.

Because it is Mother's Day, **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Lunch Bunch** will not meet in May. Join us for lunch at B-Town in Bethalto June 14.

**Lifelong Learners** continue their study of the liturgical church year with two studies. May 3, we begin a two-part study focusing on the Feast of the Ascension. This is a major celebration in our liturgical year that is often overlooked because it falls on a Thursday. Perhaps learning a bit more about the importance of this day will help us to be more mindful of its significance. We follow with a two-part study on Pentecost. Many of us are familiar with Pentecost and many of us recall that we frequently celebrate this day by wearing red to church. But Pentecost is about way more than wearing red. Come and learn more about these two May festivals and enjoy good fellowship and conversation. Sunday morning at 9:00 A.M.

May celebrations continue with **Rogate** on May 17. This is an ancient celebration where we ask God's blessing upon gardens, fields, commerce, and our own Community Garden. The past few years you've been invited to take home a packet of seeds for your garden that have been blessed. I'm trying something different this year. It's still a special take home for you, but rather than a seed packet you will be invited to take a gladiolus corm for your garden. The colors are mixed, so what you get will be a surprise when it blooms. Gladiolus are loved by hummingbirds and bees, so you'll have the opportunity to help God's smaller creatures by taking a corm and planting it in your garden. There will be plenty of corms, enough for each person to take two. Leftovers will go to Sharon to plant in our Community Flower Garden.

Please take the opportunity to learn more about our **May Flea Market** and our new **ABC Christmas Book** project elsewhere in this newsletter. I hope that you will want to participate and support both.

To all, a blessed Spring and Peace to you and yours from me and my little grey cat, Lilly.

**Pastor Jan**



## News & Updates



# SPRING FLEA MARKET

Home, Yard, Tools, Antiques, Clothes,  
Art, Toys, Automotive Swap & much more



**MAY 2nd, 8am - 1pm**

Resurrection Lutheran Church  
1211 W Homer Adams Parkway  
Godfrey, IL 62002



### 2nd Sunday Lunch Bunch

We will not dine out in May in  
observation of Mother's Day.

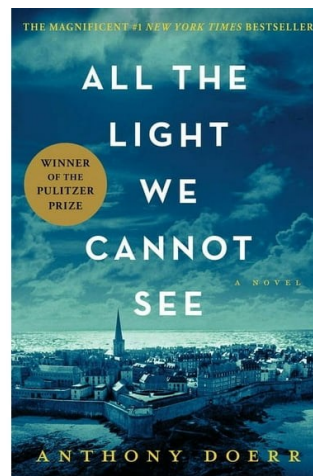
June 14th, we plan on trying  
B-Town Restaurant in Bethalto.



## Book Club

Karen Woods will serve as discussion leader for our May 14th meeting. Her book choice is All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr. The book is available at the library and also can be viewed on Netflix.

*Summary: Marie-Laure lives with her father in Paris within walking distance of the Museum of Natural History where he works as the master of the locks (there are thousands of locks in the museum). When she is six, she goes blind, and her father builds her a model of their neighborhood, every house, every manhole, so she can memorize it with her fingers and navigate the real streets with her feet and cane. When the Germans occupy Paris, father and daughter flee to Saint-Malo on the Brittany coast, where Marie-Laure's agoraphobic great uncle lives in a tall, narrow house by the sea wall. In another world in Germany, an orphan boy, Werner, grows up with his younger sister, Jutta, both enchanted by a crude radio Werner finds. He becomes a master at building and fixing radios, a talent that wins him a place at an elite and brutal military academy and, ultimately, makes him a highly specialized tracker of the Resistance. Werner travels through the heart of Hitler Youth to the far-flung outskirts of Russia, and finally into Saint-Malo, where his path converges with Marie-Laure.*



June Book Club will meet on **June 11**, with Carol Garner as discussion leader. She currently does not have a book choice' as soon as she decides which book she chooses I will send an email to all book club members.

Ruth Wolter  
618-433-1469



- \* May 2 Flea Market
- \* May 14th Dinner at 6. . . Meeting at 7pm

Dan Garner  
618-792-1777



**American  
Red Cross**

# **CELEBRATE MORE**

# *Life*

## **Blood Drive Resurrection Lutheran Church**

Multi-purpose room  
1211 W. Homer Adams Pkwy  
Godfrey, IL 62035

**Wednesday, May 27, 2026  
1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

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# New Ministry: ABC Christmas Book Fellowship

Creating together, connecting hearts, sharing hope beyond our walls

The ABC Christmas Book Fellowship is centered on fellowship and relationship-building while working together to create simple scrapbook-style ABC books that share the Christmas story in a gentle and meaningful way.

The completed books will be shared with children experiencing trauma and seniors receiving memory-support and dementia care within our community, offering comfort, familiarity, and hope across generations.

May 6, 2026 Training / Demonstration by Pastor Jan\*

- Multiple Uses for Deli Sheets
- Using Tags, Borders and Frames
- Routine Maintenance of a Guillotine Paper Cutter

June 3, 2026 Training / Demonstration by Pastor Jan\*

- Making Little Tassels
- How to use Acrylic Stamps
- How to use Acrylic Adhesive Dots

July 1, 2026 Training / Demonstration by Pastor Jan\*

- How to work with Die Cuts
- How to Use Washi Tape
- Making Bows with a Fork



Additional paper arts training will be added in the upcoming months to expand our techniques. We will work on the ABC Books each month, in addition to Pastor Jan's training and demonstrations.

*No experience is required.*

*There are many ways to participate, including sorting materials, cutting and assembling pages, organizing supplies, praying, or simply enjoying time together with friends. Everyone is welcome, and every contribution matters.*

**Our fellowship is open to church members, friends, neighbors, and others in the community who would enjoy a welcoming place to connect with others. Please encourage a guest to join us.**

- ◇ When . . . the first Wednesday of each month 1:00 - 3:00 PM
- ◇ Where . . . Young Hall
- ◇ Coffee, tea, and cookies will be provided

Thanks,  
Sharon Groh  
402-432-3942

## Highlight's from Church Council – April

### MONTHLY REPORTS

- \* **Treasurer's Report:** Total offering for the month was \$15,969.42. Total income for the month was \$16,370.05. *We have several parishioners who now donate for several months at a single time which will show much larger amounts for some months over others.* Total expenses were \$9,777.53 for the month without the \$3,100 set-aside funds. The cash flow for the month was \$6,592.52. **Interest in our CDs is now \$2,830 !!!**
- \* **Pastor's Report:**
  - Holy Week received several compliments and the new 6 pm worship time was well attended.
  - Bishop Busboom recently visited the Holy Land and is now visiting churches across the synod to share his experiences in person. Neal will reach out to the office to invite him to join us for worship and to share his presentation.
  - The Annual Report has been finalized and distributed.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Properties- Dan submitted two bids for addressing the growing cracks in the sanctuary, possibly addressing them with crown molding and trim vs. mud/tape repairs that continue to fail. Council will seek more information on the lesser bid and vote whether or not to take it to the congregation for consideration and/or approval.
- Garden- A volunteer from the community tilled the garden with a tractor this year allowing for quicker planting of the first crops. . . carrots and beets are already growing. Pride Incorporated donated \$200 to the garden. Ann Isringhausen also made a personal donation to kick off the growing season.

### CONTINUING BUSINESS

- Council is reviewing the contract for renting Young Hall and considering adjusting the fees to better compensate for use of the space, utilities, the kitchen, etc.
- The Standard Operating Procedure book is now complete, addressing the digital signs, sound system, thermostats and more. A copy will be kept in the kitchen and another in the meeting room.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Kay Tucker will set up a Blood Drive for May.
- Council agreed to invite Bishop Busboom to Resurrection to share his experiences following his visit to the Holy Lands.



14 Sam Tillman  
16 Karen Woods  
31 Mark Groh

HAPPY  
Wedding  
ANNIVERSARY

10 Tim and Ruth Belfield  
18 Dan and Carol Garner  
19 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.

## FINANCIAL STATUS – March 2026

<b>MONEY MARKET BALANCE</b>	<b>\$62,762.40</b>
<b>GENERAL FUNDS CASH FLOW</b>	<b>\$16,133.73</b>
<b>CHECKBOOK BALANCE</b>	<b>\$13,852.19</b>
<b>CD DEPOSITS</b>	<b>\$42,830.00 (approximate)</b>

	<u>3/1/2026 -</u> <u>3/21/2026</u>	<u>YEAR TO</u> <u>DATE</u>
<b>GENERAL FUNDS DETAIL</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
Offering	\$15,969.42	\$42,332.33
Lenten Offering	\$1,019.00	\$1,140.00
Advent Offering		
Other Income	\$400.63	\$1,131.22
<b>Total General Fund Income</b>	<b>\$16,370.05</b>	<b>\$43,463.55</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Benevolence	\$300.00	\$925.00
Building and Grounds	\$1,292.31	\$4,322.82
Christian Education	\$0.00	\$0.00
Evangelism	\$0.00	\$0.00
Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00
Office	\$651.85	\$1,419.48
Personnel Costs	\$1,381.60	\$4,030.92
Personnel Salaries	\$6,066.57	\$16,358.39
Social Ministry	\$0.00	\$0.00
Stewardship Supplies	\$0.00	\$188.01
Worship	\$85.20	\$85.20
<b>Total General Fund Expenses</b>	<b>\$9,777.53</b>	<b>\$27,329.82</b>
<b>General Funds Cash Flow</b>	<b>\$6,592.52</b>	<b>\$16,133.73</b>

**TRANSFERS:** \$2500 to Major Repairs and \$600 to Insurance set-aside in the Money Market. We now have several parishioners who donate multiple months at a time. This change will show large increases in the General Fund followed by months showing the opposite.

Blessings,  
Kay Tucker



# May 2026

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

<p><b>Rev. Jan S. Worms</b>  <a href="mailto:gracious@midwest.net">gracious@midwest.net</a>  <b>Office Hours by appointment</b></p>					1	2
						Flea Market 8-1
3 Lifelong Learners 9 am Worship 10 am Worship Cmte. 11 am	4	5 Scouts 7pm	6 ABC Christmas Book 1-3p	7	8	9
10 Lifelong Learners 9 am Worship 10 am	11 Young Hall in use 10a-1p	12 Scouts 7pm	13	14 Men's Club at Church 6 pm Book Club at Church 6:30 pm	15	16
17 Lifelong Learners 9am Worship 10 am Council 11 am	18 Young Hall in use 9a-1p	19 Scouts 7pm	20	21	22	23
24 Lifelong Learners 9 am Worship 10 am	25	26 Scouts 7pm <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	27 Blood Drive 1-5 pm	28 Men's Bible Study 5:30 pm	29	30
31 Lifelong Learners 9 am Worship 10 am PI Team 11 am						

**Rev. Jan S. Worms**

**CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL**

Neal Booth, President  
Bob Doerr, Vice-President  
Teresa Droste, Secretary  
Kay Tucker, Treasurer  
Carol Garner, Mark Groh, Ann Isringhausen,  
Wendy Reinbold, & Sherry Wyatt, *At Large Members*

**CONGREGATIONAL LEADERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

**Pastor Worms, Worship**  
**Janet Broche, Church Secretary**  
**Russ Henkhaus, Organist/Music Ministry**  
Ruth Wolter, *Book Club*  
Jim Lieber, *Christian Education & Evangelism*  
Bob Doerr, *Community Garden*  
Pastor Worms, *Facebook, Social Media & PI Team*  
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Service Time: In-Person & Online 10AM

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