

the Resurrectionist

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





Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last Sunday, Pentecost, I got ready to wash my hair before going to church. I turned on the water. Cold. I let it run a little bit. Still cold. Sometime between Saturday evening and Sunday morning, my water heater died. I had a little hissy fit. I wanted to cry (I didn't). I wanted to kick the house (It would not have hurt the house but would hurt my foot!) But mostly I wanted my dad. I missed my dad. The genius handyman who could fix anything and if he couldn't fix it himself, he did everything but move the sun to make whatever was wrong, right again. My dad has rested with Jesus for twenty years. I'm sure he would help me if he could, but he's busy doing other things now.

It didn't take me long to realize I was having a bout of ingratitude. I like my house. It's a good house. It's paid for. Not everyone knows that blessing. My water may be cold, but it is fresh, clean and drinkable. It's right there in my house. I don't have to go to a river or find a well or hand pump it from a cistern or carry it in a bucket. Not everyone knows that blessing. Cold showers aren't as bad as I thought, but I don't want to make them a habit. Not everyone knows the blessing of fresh, clean, warm water. The dead water heater is at least 25 years old. Dr. Google says the average life of a water heater is ten to twelve years. My water heater has served me well for many years. Not everyone knows that blessing. I can pay for a replacement. I have savings, I have a mostly unused credit card with a high enough credit limit. Not everyone knows that blessing. But most of all, in the grand scheme of life problems, this is a small potato that I can fix (buy a new water heater and have it installed. Very doable). There is much, much more in my life that I can do absolutely nothing to fix. The big stuff. The life ending stuff. Sin. Death. Separation from God.

For that big stuff, God in Jesus Christ has already done that heavy lifting for me by dying on the cross, rising from the dead and ascending to the Father. While Jesus certainly cares about my dead water heater, he's going to leave me to use my brain and the resources he's blessed me with to solve that problem. But Jesus will sit with me and listen to my frustration as I solve the problem. Because Jesus is like that. A faithful savior and friend who will sit with us, walk beside us, never abandon us or leave us. That's true for little stuff like a dead water heater and the really big stuff, like heart rending loss, incurable illness, life ruin of any sort. It doesn't matter what the concern may be. Jesus cares. He really does. Doubt me? Just remember the cross.

So, for me, a few more cold showers, a trip to select a new water heater (how very exciting!) and life will go on. With Jesus beside me every step of the way. True for me. And certainly true for you.

Before we leave the festive Easter season behind us for another year, I found a little meditation on the internet that was meaningful to me. I'll share it with you. It's written by Barbara Molinari Quinby, MPS, Director, Office of Human Life, Dignity, and Justice Ministries at the Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral in Raleigh, NC.

“ We were all given to drink of one spirit ”—1 Corinthians 12: 13

Do you find it hard to believe sometimes that we have one spirit in common? On the surface we seem so different. We come with different life experiences and have such a variety of interests and causes that we feel take

priority. . .the spirit seems to get lost in the weaving of lives and attitudes.

Yet, if we keep that one spirit as our guide, our lives will be formed in a transformed way. Pentecost is not just another day.

If we had a picture of a person of spirit, what would we notice about them? Looking beyond the superficial, would we discover a person touched by the dove of peace, a person on fire with passion and love for others, a person who is just and life-giving like water? Looking further at that person, would we discover the creative wind of service in their actions? Would we not notice them at all? A person of spirit can appear as ordinary as anyone else and at the same time, full of revealing light.

At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit empowers the believer to spark the flame of this inner person who is so hidden. Announcing we are loved and anointed in an incomparable peace, we are to spread this love and peace to others, including, and especially, those who are not like us. We begin to see as God sees and act as God acts. God's priorities for a just world become our priorities. The prophet Joel states that God will one day pour out divine spirit "upon all humankind" (Joel 3:1). Joel envisioned a world in which all people would be enlivened and transformed by the divine life breathing within them. This is a world-altering change in your own thinking and being. Pentecost will have arrived.

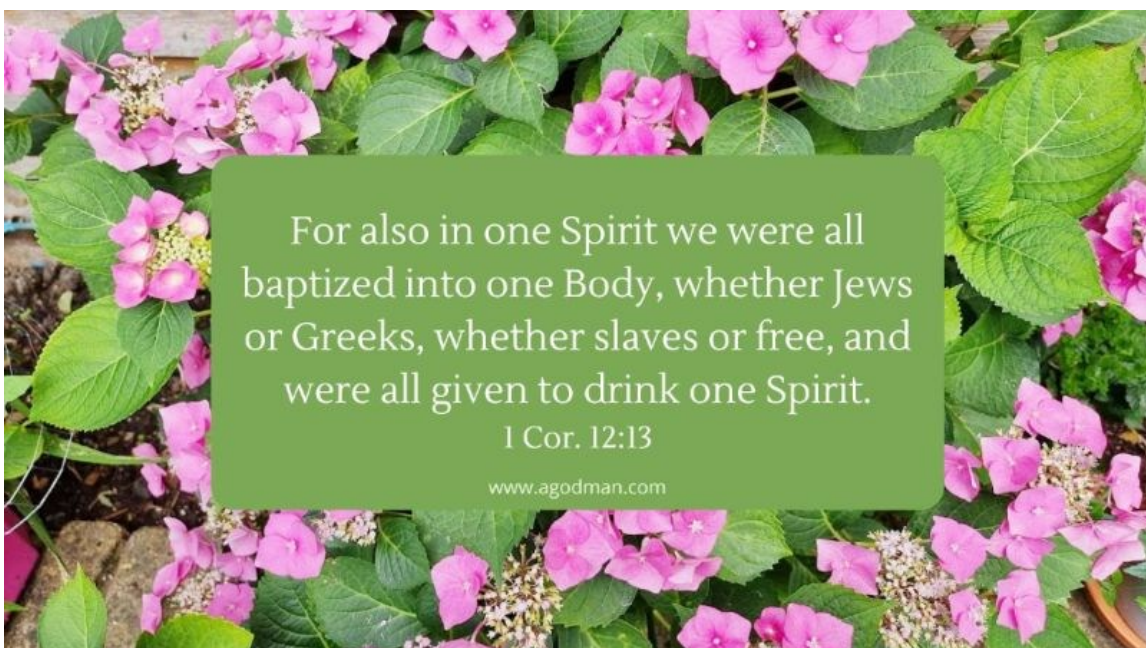
Imagine, just imagine, a people of spirit creating a world of unity amid diversity; a just world filled with love and peace for all.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who, by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy your consolations. Through Christ our Lord, let us drink of the one spirit, the spirit that connects us all. Amen."

Peace be with you and yours,

From Me and my little cat, Lilly,

Pastor Jan





News & Updates



2nd Sunday Lunch Bunch

**June 14th, Lunch Bunch heads to
The Round Table in Godfrey**
5407 Godfrey Rd., Godfrey, IL



“The Round Table is a beloved family-style restaurant, offering a warm and inviting atmosphere for gatherings with a diverse menu !”

“On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’”

Reflection:

Pentecost is not simply the celebration of a past event; it is an identity to be lived. The risen Christ still enters our guarded spaces, still speaks peace, still breathes his Spirit upon us, and still sends his Church into the world. We may not be perfect, but through the gift of the Holy Spirit we are empowered so that fear does not leave us locked away as frightened disciples.



So, we ask ourselves:

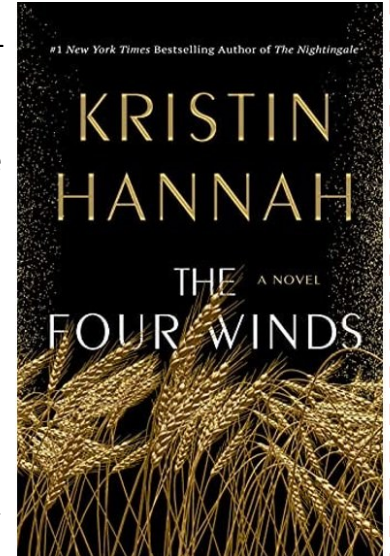
For us modern disciples:

- ♦ What gift of the Spirit have I received?
- ♦ How am I using that gift to strengthen the Church and serve others?
- ♦ Does our church and community reflect unity amid diversity, or division and rivalry?

Book Club

Carol Gardner has chosen **The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah**, as the book for our next Book Club meeting on **June 11th, 6:30 pm** at the church. The book is available at the library.

Summary: Texas, 1921. A time of abundance. The Great War is over, the bounty of the land is plentiful, and America is on the brink of a new and optimistic era. But for Elsa Wolcott, deemed too old to marry in a time when marriage is a woman's only option, the future seems bleak. Until the night she meets Rafe Martinelli and decides to change the direction of her life. With her reputation in ruin, there is only one respectable choice: marriage to a man she barely knows. By 1934, the world has changed; millions are out of work and drought has devastated the Great Plains. Farmers are fighting to keep their land and their livelihoods as crops fail and water dries up. Everything on the Martinelli farm is dying. Each day is a desperate battle against nature and a fight to keep her children alive. In this uncertain and perilous time, Elsa—like so many of her neighbors—must make an agonizing choice: fight for the land she loves or leave it behind and go west, to California, in search of a better life for her family.



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*The Book Club will not meet in July as
we know some will be vacationing.*



June 11th Dinner at 6. . . Meeting at 7pm

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Highlight's from Church Council – May

MONTHLY REPORTS

- * **Treasurer's Report:** Total offering for the month was \$16,580.02. Total income for the month was \$17,168.48. *We have several parishioners who now donate for several months at a single reflecting the current larger plate offering totals.* Total expenses were \$8,744.19 for the month without the \$3,100 set-aside funds. The cash flow for the month was \$8,424.29. Kay will reallocate some of our checking account towards our investments.
- * **Pastor's Report:**
 - No updates. We keep Pastor Jan in our thoughts as she is recovering from a challenging month with her family's loss.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Properties- Dan has been in touch with Sisk Lawn & Landscape in regards to the ravine they dug earlier this spring that has failed twice. They will not be paid until it is dug to a proper depth and corrected. There has been no response back from Emery Construction in regard to using less costly materials like MDF trim on the bid addressing the cracks in the sanctuary (to be covered with crown molding vs. ongoing failed mud/tape repairs). Dan will initiate bids for sealing and restriping the parking lot.
- Men's Club— A reflection area and picnic table are being designed and constructed near the garden for visitors and members alike. Possibly considering a trivia night in July.
- PI Team- The PI Team will do a walk-through inventory of the property on 5/31 to address the issue of accumulated and/or unused stuff. The inventory will be taken back to council for consideration who along with Pastor will make a final decision on proper disposal and/or donations of said stuff.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

- Council agreed to several updates on the current contract for renting Young Hall. The new contract will be typed up and finalized in June.
- The date on receiving a bid for updating our Alarm was postponed till 5/18 and will be presented to Council in June .

NEW BUSINESS

- Council is reviewing Pastor's salary as her contract will be renewed come July.
- ***Bishop Busboom will visit and preside for us on August 9th to share his experiences following his visit to the Holy Lands.***



9 Alan Robertson
23 Bill Stoutenborough
26 Pastor Bill Veith

9 Bill and Fay Stoutenborough
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.

FINANCIAL STATUS – April 2026

MONEY MARKET BALANCE	\$62,762.40
GENERAL FUNDS CASH FLOW	\$8,424.29
CHECKBOOK BALANCE	\$16,977.76
CD DEPOSITS	\$42,830.00 (approximate)

	<u>4/1/2026 - 4/30/2026</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS DETAIL		
Income		
Offering	\$16,580.02	\$58,912.35
Lenten Offering	\$700.00	\$1,840.00
Advent Offering		
Other Income	\$588.46	\$1,719.68
Total General Fund Income	\$17,168.48	\$60,632.03
Expenses		
Benevolence	\$300.00	\$1,225.00
Building and Grounds	\$1,261.14	\$5,583.96
Christian Education	\$0.00	\$0.00
Evangelism	\$0.00	\$0.00
Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00
Office	\$368.21	\$1,787.69
Personnel Costs	\$1,442.44	\$5,473.36
Personnel Salaries	\$5,372.40	\$21,730.79
Social Ministry	\$0.00	\$0.00
Stewardship Supplies	\$0.00	\$188.01
Worship	\$0.00	\$85.20
Total General Fund Expenses	\$8,744.19	\$36,074.01
General Funds Cash Flow	\$8,424.29	\$24,558.02

TRANSFERS: \$2500 to Major Repairs and \$600 to Insurance set-aside in the Money Market. We have several parishioners who donate multiple months at a time. Because of that, there are months which demonstrate large increases in the General Fund, and others that show decreases.

Blessings,
Kay Tucker



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Scouts 7pm	3 ABC Christmas Book 1-3 pm	4	5	6
7 Lifelong Learners 9am Worship 10 am	8	9 Scouts 7pm	10	11 Men's Club at Church 6pm Book Club at Church 6:30	12	13 Baseball game 9:00 am "A"
14 Lifelong Learners 9am Worship 10 am Lunch Bunch 11am	15	16 Scouts 7pm Baseball game 8:00 pm "A"	17	18	19	20 Baseball game 11:00 am "A"
21 <i>Father's Day</i> Lifelong Learners 9 am Worship 10 am RLC Council 11 am	22	23 Scouts 7pm	24	25 Men's Bible Study 5:30 pm	26 Newsletter Deadline	27 Baseball game 11:00 am "A"
28 Lifelong Learners 9am Worship 10 am	29	30 5th Tuesday Soup's On 10:30 am Scouts 7pm				

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