

The Resurrectionist

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



August is a month to embrace new beginnings,

trust in God's guidance,

& reflect on His blessings.

You don't have to live very long before you realize that trusting others is a gamble. Maybe you learned that on the playground years ago when someone you thought was your friend didn't choose you for their team. Or maybe it was when the company you bought your refrigerator from refused to cover what the warranty said it would. Or maybe it was the "can't lose" investment your friend told you about that went south. These types of experiences can lead to bitterness—and then you realize that you've probably let someone down before, too.

But God never lets us down. Think about how God led you to where you are today. Our own experiences powerfully testify to God's faithfulness.

When we still lapse in our trust of God, or doubt creeps in, we can ask Him to increase our faith and lean on His unchanging love. We can take advantage of the various means God has given us to get to know Him better: Scripture. Worship. Engagement with others.

When all else fails, God never does. He keeps His promises, even when we falter.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am deeply honored that we have been chosen to participate in **The Jordan Project** for 2026-27. This will be an important and significant part of our life together for at least a year and perhaps longer. It seems to me to be a good idea share more with you about what The Jordan Project is all about.

The Jordan Project is for female ELCA pastors and their rural or small congregations. It is 100% funded by Thrivent and hosted by Grandview University in Des Moines, Iowa. Grandview is an ELCA college.

After worship Sunday, August 2, I will travel to Des Moines. From Monday August 3 until Wednesday August 5, I will be at Grandview for the first training session, and I will meet the other pastors in our cohort.

When I return from Des Moines, I will select a team of five folks from our congregation who will be the leadership team with me for the duration of the project.

We will begin by exploring our history and our mission in the Godfrey/Alton community. Next, we will interview community leaders and begin to discover what needs and opportunities there are in the community we serve.

We will then start to form a mission project to help meet the needs of our neighbors. We will prepare a budget, work on publicity and explore what we will need to carry out this ministry.

In March, we will receive a \$750 grant to fund the start-up of our project.

In April, I return to Des Moines and present our project to the others in our cohort. Anyone from Resurrection will be invited to participate in this presentation via Zoom.

We will have a highly trained and experienced coach. Her name is Pastor Sarah. She will meet with me each month over Zoom. Sometimes those coaching sessions will include the other team leaders in our congregation, sometimes only me, and occasionally with me and the other pastors in the group.

Then we will launch our project.

Each month I will receive a box that I am not allowed to open until our team leader meeting. In it there will be an agenda for our meeting, a devotional, and some little “hospitality gifts.” (Their words, not mine about the contents of the box.)

So, what is new or different about this project from other things we have done.

- ◆ We will share this journey with other congregations and pastors,
- ◆ We will have a highly trained, experienced coach,
- ◆ This is a very highly structured project with specific goals and timelines,
- ◆ 100% funded by Thrivent,
- ◆ The opportunity to get support and ask questions on a regular scheduled basis,
- ◆ Me. Our congregation may have done similar things in the past, but you did none of them with me and The Jordan Project is too new for any of us to have participated in it before. The Jordan Project is three years old. We will do this new Jordan Project together.

I am tremendously excited about this and believe it can be a great blessing to our church and our community. Please wrap this new adventure in prayer that God will greatly shower His blessings upon our work and service.

As always, please talk to me if you have any questions or concerns. When the leadership team gets “up and running,” any one of them will be happy to talk with you, as well. If serving on the leadership team feels like something you feel called to do and would enjoy doing, please talk to me about that, too.

The other big excitement is our upcoming visit from our **Bishop on Sunday, August 9**. Bishop Busboom recently traveled to Palestine. Together with several other ELCA bishops, they participated in the installation of the newly elected Bishop of Jordan and the Holy Land. Our bishop will speak to us about the struggles of our Lutheran brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. Bishop Busboom will preach at our worship, then share his presentation on Holy Land with us, and finally, we will all enjoy a **Potluck lunch**. We will provide fried chicken from Schnuck’s and ask you to bring the side dishes and desserts. We always have wonderful potluck lunches. Your presence and participation will add much to our festivities.

I will be absent for a few days later in the month. I am having two teeth pulled on August 24. I’m told to allow 3-4 days for recovery. Since I likely will be taking prescription pain medicine for a few days, I won’t be allowed to drive. This is one of the “joys” of growing older. I guess I’ve outlived those two teeth.

You are always welcome to contact me, even while I’m in Des Moines and even while I’m recovering from my teeth. My dentist doesn’t use the term “pulling teeth.” He says the teeth will be “wiggled out.” But even then, call me or send me a text or email. I’m always happy to hear from you.

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

Pastor Jan



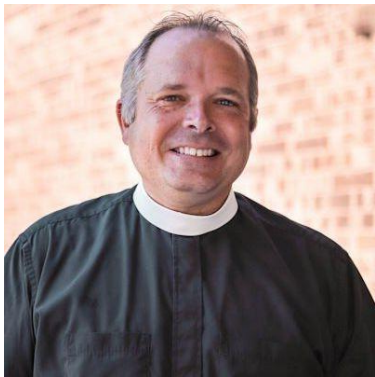


All good things must come to an end. This October, Microsoft Publisher will be decommissioned. With that said, the Resurrectionist will be forced to take on a new format. I will be trying out some new looks and maybe even a few new programs as time permits to experiment. The experts say that MS Word is the next best thing for me to facilitate, so that's what I've gone with for August. Can't say I agree with them. Sad to lose what worked so well.

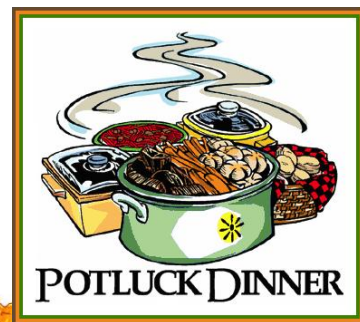
Neal Booth

Save The Date!

Sunday, August 9th, Bishop Busboom will preside for Resurrection!



Following worship, he will share with us his experiences from a recent trip to the Holy Lands. A delicious potluck lunch will follow. Signup sheets for both attendance and dishes/desserts have been placed in the narthex. The meal will be supplemented with fried chicken from Schnucks !!! Please plan on attending this exciting opportunity to visit with the Bishop, learn something new, socialize with others, and enjoy a good meal.



Thank You for Your Service Appreciation Day

August 22nd, 10:30 am - 1:00pm

Attention all First Responders i.e., Fire, Police, EMT, Sheriffs, Disabled Veterans, etc. . .



COME HAVE LUNCH ON US!

- Event open to the public as our way of saying **THANK YOU !**
- Public lunch is \$2.00. Kids 8 and under eat **FREE !**
- Inflatables for the kids !





- August 1 Work Day- 9 am start
- August 13 Dinner at 6pm . . . Meeting at 7pm
- August 22 Appreciation Day 10:30 am till 1pm.

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Book Club

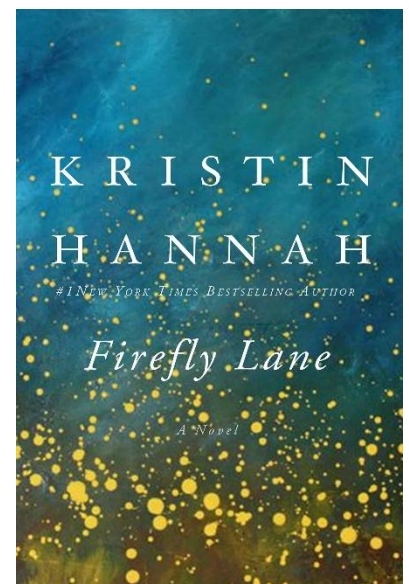
August 13th the Book Club will share an evening of fun, food and fellowship. Join us for dinner at **Santino's at 6:00 PM**. Reservations need to be in by noon on the 13th, so send me a text, email, or call if you plan on attending. Anyone is welcome to attend, just get your name on the list.



September - Teresa Droste has volunteered to be the discussion leader for our meeting on September 10th at the church. Her book choice is **Firefly Lane by Kristin Hannah**. It is available at the local library.

Summary: In the turbulent summer of 1974, Kate Mularkey has accepted her place at the bottom of the eighth-grade social food chain. Then, to her amazement, the "coolest girl in the world" moves in across the street and wants to be her friend. Tully Hart seems to have it all--beauty, brains, ambition. On the surface they are as opposite as two people can be, but they make a pact to be best friends forever; by summer's end they've become Tully and Kate. Inseparable. For thirty years, Tully and Kate are there for each other, weathering the storms of friendship--jealousy, anger, resentment. They think they've survived it all until an unexpected betrayal puts their bond to the ultimate test.

Ruth Wolter
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What is the PI Team?



PI Team is The **Planning and Implementation Team** or “**PI Team**,” for short. This is a council approved task force that is led by Pastor Jan and accountable to the council.

There are four primary goals for the PI Team:

Visitation. The PI team helps to recruit teams of volunteers to visit and bring Holy Communion to our homebound members at least twice a month. Volunteers are trained and prepared for this task by Pr Jan.

Outreach. The PI Team works with other groups in our congregation to organize and coordinate outreach to our friends and neighbors. The PI Team wrote and prepared the brochures in our narthex and Young Hall Brochure racks. The I Team constantly looks for ways to reach out to our serve and welcome our community.

Committee Structure. We have several committees. Do we need all of them? Could some of them be combined? What can/could/should we do to get these groups active? The PI Team will wrestle with those questions.

Long Range Planning. We have no long-range plans, and we really should have some. Long Range Plans can help to guide our outreach, our ministry, and our purpose for being a church in our community.

August Is “Crayons for Kids” Month

The Alton Hayner Public Library is collecting crayons during August. Our council thought it would be fun for us to participate.

Please bring a box of new crayons to donate. Any size or brand is welcome. We’ll deliver the crayons to the library and Hayner will give them to the Riverbend Headstart Program. Remember how fun it was to have a new box of crayons! The smell! The pretty colors! The beautiful sharp points! With a simple donation of a new box of crayons, you can bring this delight to a child!

We’ll have a labeled basket for your donations in the Narthex.

Please bring your donation to church anytime between August 2 – 30.



Hearty Thanks!

Your Church Council and the Kids of Headstart

Social Ministry

Help Create Christmas Magic for Our Community!

Wednesday, August 5, 2026

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm in Young Hall

Join us for a fun and meaningful time as we create pages for the **ABC Christmas Books!** All supplies will be provided, and ideas will be shared for card placement, decorative craft materials, and creative page designs.

No crafting experience is necessary—there's a place for everyone! Whether you're full of creative ideas, enjoy arranging decorations, or are happy to glue pieces that someone else has designed, your help will make a difference.

- ✦ Create something special
- ✦ Enjoy fun conversation
- ✦ Talk with friends
- ✦ Share cookies and laughter 🍪

The completed books will be gifted to area **Memory Support facilities**, bringing joy, conversation, and cherished memories to residents during the Christmas season. Your time and talents will help create a gift that truly touches hearts.

Come for a little while or stay as long as you'd like—we'd love to have you join us!

Help us spread Christmas cheer, one page at a time! ❤️ 🎄  🍪

God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday

September 13, 2026

Join us for our annual **God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday** as we come together to make a difference in the lives of children in foster care.

Last year's 2025 Foster Care Birthday Party was an incredible success, and the need continues. Once again, we will be providing **birthday gifts for foster children from birth through age 18**, helping ensure that every child feels remembered and celebrated on their special day.

📌 **Watch the bulletins throughout August for donation and participation details.**

After worship, everyone is invited to continue the celebration at our **Birthday Party Celebration** in **Young Hall at 11:00 a.m.**

-  Enjoy lunch served by the PI Team and Social Ministry members
-  Savor birthday cake and ice cream
-  Help bring joy to children in foster care
-  Celebrate the impact we can make together

Whether you donate a gift, help with the celebration, or simply join us for fellowship, your participation helps share God's love with children who need it most.

Mark your calendar and join us as we put our faith into action—because every child deserves a birthday worth celebrating! 🎈 🍰 📺 ❤️

Protect Your Loved Ones from Carbon Monoxide

Carbon Monoxide Outreach (CODO) Event

 **Saturday, September 26, 2026**

 **8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

Did you know that carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless, colorless gas that can kill without warning? The CDC reminds us that hundreds of lives are lost each year to carbon monoxide poisoning, while thousands more become seriously ill.

Many common household items can produce carbon monoxide, including:

- Gas- and oil-burning furnaces
- Portable generators
- Charcoal grills
- Other fuel-burning appliances

To help keep our community safe, we are hosting a **Carbon Monoxide Outreach (CODO) Event**. If you know a family member, neighbor, or someone in the community who may need assistance obtaining a new carbon monoxide detector, please refer them to nofire4us@gmail.com. Sharon Groh will follow up with those inquiries.

❤️ **A simple device can save a life.** Please help us spread the word to those who may benefit from this important safety program.

This ministry is a shared community outreach sponsored by:

- Resurrection Lutheran Church
- Godfrey Fire Protection District
- Alton Fire Department
- Boy Scout Troop #7 (sponsored by Resurrection Lutheran Church)

Together, we can help make our homes and community safer—one family at a time. 🚒 🏠 ❤️

Highlights from Church Council – June



Council wishes to thank all those who stayed after worship on July 19th for voting on the repairs, sealing and striping of our parking lot. 34 active members were in favor of the motion with one opposed. The work was completed the week of July 19th and our parking lot looks crisp.

MONTHLY REPORTS

*** Treasurer's Report:** Total offering for the month was \$13,355.88. Total income for the month was \$14,064.01. We have several parishioners who donate several months at a time reflecting the larger and smaller plate offering totals. Total expenses were down at \$9,240.74 without the \$3,100 set-aside funds. The cash flow for the month was \$4,823.27.

*** Pastor's Report:** Pastor is preparing for her departure to Des Moines, Iowa the week of August 2nd. Read more about this special opportunity by clicking on the following link. [The Jordan Project | Grand View University](#)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Properties–** Dan Garner requested that Council consider making a motion to adjust the layout of the parking lot spots to reflect that of many years ago. This will allow for closer parking to the main doors for those in need. The motion was made and passed.
- **Men's Club–** The Men's Club is making preparations for their "Thank You for Your Service Appreciation Day" to honor first responders on August 22nd. Flyers and invitation letters are going out to the public and first responders. ***Council appreciates the Men's Club continued outreach efforts with our Community.*** The Men's Club is also preparing to construct a new, more aesthetically appealing worktable/stand for the audio/visual platform laptops.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

- Council finalized our decision in regards to the church alarm and fire system. George Alarm Company will update our fire and smoke monitoring equipment for \$295 with a monthly monitoring fee of \$40 following the repairs.
- Sherry Wyatt stepped down from Council in June. Two requests for an at-large replacement to serve the remainder of the year went unacknowledged and unanswered. Unless someone steps up, the role will remain vacant until 2027.

NEW BUSINESS

- Council made a motion to hire Tom Schapanski as our new custodian. Tom was recently forced into an unexpected retirement and anxiously looking for work to stay active. He visited our church and agreed to the assignment. He will begin the first week of August. We look forward to Tom keeping our church clean and possibly assisting with other tasks throughout the building once he gets established.



13 Sharon Groh
31 Deliah Rau

10 Bruce and Vicki Baggio
16 Rod and Chery Margherio
22 Jim and Kathleen Lieber

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

FINANCIAL STATUS – June 2026

MONEY MARKET BALANCE	\$80,293.98	
GENERAL FUNDS CASH FLOW	\$4,823.27	
CHECKBOOK BALANCE	\$6,408.06	
CD DEPOSITS	\$42,830.00	(approximate)
	<u>6/30/2026</u>	<u>DATE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS DETAIL		
Income		
Offering	\$13,355.88	\$82,321.84
Lenten Offering		\$1,840.00
Advent Offering		
Other Income	\$708.13	\$3,721.05
Total General Fund		
Income	\$14,064.01	\$86,042.89
Expenses		
Benevolence	\$300.00	\$1,825.00
Building and Grounds	\$2,291.20	\$11,736.53
Christian Education	\$0.00	\$0.00
Evangelism	\$0.00	\$0.00
Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00
Office	\$383.33	\$2,543.37
Personnel Costs	\$1,275.14	\$8,205.11
Personnel Salaries	\$4,854.67	\$31,593.05
Social Ministry	\$0.00	\$0.00
Stewardship Supplies	\$0.00	\$188.01
Worship	\$136.40	\$221.60
Total General Fund Expenses	\$9,240.74	\$56,312.67
General Funds Cash Flow	\$4,823.27	\$29,730.22

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.

AUG 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Rev. Jan S. Worms gracious@midwest.net Office Hours by appointment 618-250-1608						1
2 Lifelong Learners 9am Worship 10am	3 Pastor out of office Aug. 2-7	4 Scouts 7pm	5 ABC Christmas Books 1-3pm	6	7	8
9 Lifelong Learners 9am Worship 10am Bishop's Visit & Potluck 11am	10	11 Scouts 7pm	12	13 Men's Club at Church 6pm Book Club at Church 6:30	14 Young Hall setup for 8/15 at 3pm	15 Young Hall is reserved 8am-midafternoon
16 Lifelong Learners 9am Worship 10am Church Council 11am	17	18 Scouts 7pm	19	20	21	22
23 Lifelong Learners 9am Worship 10am	24	25 Scouts 7pm	26	27 Men's Bible Study 5:30 pm	28 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	29
30 Lifelong Learners 9am Worship 10am PI Team 11am	31					

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, & VACANCY, *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

Bob Doerr, Community Garden

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Service Time: In-Person & Online 10AM

Adult Study- 9AM

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