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TRANSFIGURATION

All over this magnificent world, God calls us to extend his kingdom of shalom-peace and wholeness – of justice, of goodness, of compassion, of caring, of sharing, of laughter, of joy, of reconciliation. God is transfiguring the world right this very moment through us because God believes in us and because God loves us.

What can separate us from the love of God? Nothing. Absolutely nothing. And as we share God's love with our brothers and sisters, God's other children, there is no tyrant who can resist us, no opposition that cannot be ended, no hunger that cannot be fed, no wound that cannot be healed, no hatred that cannot be turned into love, no dream that cannot be fulfilled.

- Desmond Tutu
God Has A Dream

Have A Heart !!

Help Feed The Elderly -
"the forgotten poor"



When selecting items to donate to food pantries many of us think about feeding hungry children. However, there is another group of individuals who often need help from food pantries....the elderly. And due to health problems and dietary restrictions, many of them cannot get the items they need.

On the four Sundays of February, Resurrection will be collecting food items that can be used by folks with special needs such as low sodium, low fat, etc. Will you help?

Below is a list of items we need during this special food drive. If you prefer to make monetary donation, please use the "heart" envelopes which are placed in the pews.

- Low sodium canned vegetables and soup
- Low sodium tomato sauce/paste
- Plain, white or brown rice (not prepared)
- Whole wheat pasta
- Fruit in it's own juice, (no syrup)
- Oatmeal
- Adult cereals such as Bran Flakes, Fiber One, Corn Flakes and Cheerios
- Shelf-stable milk. This includes dehydrated milk, canned evaporated milk and instant breakfasts.

Will you help?

And, as always, let us all keep the hungry in our prayers.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

Sunday, February 5 5th Sunday After Epiphany

Isaiah 49: 21-31
I Corinthians 9: 16-23
Mark 1: 29-39

Sunday, February 12 6th Sunday After Epiphany

2 Kings 5: 1-14
I Corinthians 9: 24-27
Mark 1: 40-45

Sunday, February 19 Transfiguration of Our Lord

2 Kings 2: 1-12
2 Corinthians 4: 3-6
Mark 9: 2-9

Sunday, February 26 First Sunday In Lent

Genesis 9: 8-17
I Peter 3: 18-22
Mark 1: 9-15

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Service Times:
Sunday 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Adult Sunday School
September-May:
Sunday 9 a.m.

A Good Word from the Pastor

Dear Friends,

The Sunday Worship scripture readings during the "Time of the Church" after Epiphany (formerly the Epiphany Season) is a time when we hear again the call stories of the first disciples and apostles as well as the early signs and miracle stories in the ministry of Jesus. It is a time for us (the Church) to remember that we have been called in our baptism and sent out on mission in the world to do the things of God.

Thinking along these lines Bishop Roth has asked every congregation and committee of the Synod to develop a Mission Plan for their life and ministry. He has asked us to consider three questions: Who are we? Why are we here? Then, what shall we do?

They are good questions for us as a congregation – and timely ones for us. A year ago I proposed that we establish a Local Mission Fund for us to gather funds from our members and fundraising events to DO "hands-on" mission projects in our local community. As of 12/31/2011 we have \$ 1,764.56 in that fund. Quite honestly, that is not enough for us to do all that much – yet. But while that fund grows, now is the time for us to discern possible ministries that we can do together as part of the mission of our church for the sake of the gospel.

At our January Church Council meeting I asked that all our committees meet at least quarterly to discuss and plan their events and ministry within the congregation. (The Church Council has too often deliberated over things that rightfully belong in the committees.) It is my hope that over time, once our committees are functioning well, that the Church Council meetings could engage the larger questions facing our congregation's future life and ministry. Our bishop's questions would be a good place for us to start.

After Easter, I hope to gather our Church Council around the three questions of our bishop at our regular Church Council meetings – and perhaps even a day of prayer. I ask, in the meantime, that all of us consider these questions (Who are we? Why are we here? Then, what shall we do?). If you have any thoughts about these questions, I urge you to write them down and share them with me or any council member.

Let us pray for one another as we discern God's call as a congregation in Alton/Godfrey, Illinois.

Abundant blessings,
Pr. Ken

SEWING

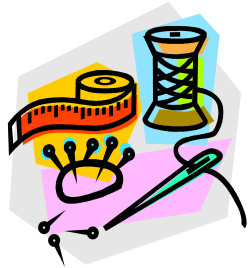
FOR ST. CLARE'S

Saint Clare's Villa is looking for some volunteers who would be willing to come in once a month and do some light sewing for our residents; such things as sewing on a button, repairing a seam, perhaps replacing a zipper, or hemming some pants. When you come in you would meet with the residents to see what they need, (you may want to bring pen and paper to make any needed notes as well as pins and a measuring tape, etc) and gather the items they need sewn. You could take the items home and then when you have them ready, please let me know and I will pick them up from you at Church and bring them back to the Villa.

There is a sign up sheet in the meeting room.

Thank you very much!

Stacey Noble Loveland



NOT ENOUGH TIME? ALWAYS ON THE GO? SABBATH TIME SEMINAR

Want to spend more moments in quiet connection with God, but there NEVER seems to be enough time to do it?

Pastor and Spiritual Companion **Tom Schoenherr** will reveal the transforming power of creating Sabbath in our lives, and the wonder that God can reveal when we step away from the crazy pace, and into awesome peace. Life Coach **Jill Farmer** teaches tools for getting more time in your life for the really important things, like faith and family.

Tackle big projects, learn to make unpleasant tasks more palatable, and most importantly, learn how to create time for communion with God (without quitting your job or ignoring family obligations.) Explore how a Sabbath practice can connect you to peace and prosperity in ways that the "rat race" never will.

When: 9:30am-3pm Saturday, March 31st
Where: Mercy Center-2039 North Geyer Road
Cost: \$49 (includes lunch and refreshments)
Registration can be done through e-mailing:
jillfarmer@sbcglobal.net.

IN SYMPATHY

The sympathies of the church are extended to **Rod & Cheryl Margherio** upon the death of Cheryl's father on January 8, 2012.

The sympathies of the church are extended to **Billy and Sherry Hammon** upon the death of Sherry's mother on Friday, January 20, 2012.

Note: In the past it has been our practice to place Sympathy notices only for members of Resurrection who have died. Pastor would like to also include the immediate family of our members, that is: parents and children. When family members who are not members of Resurrection pass away, please let the Church Office know.

ADULT'S NIGHT OUT

Friday, February 17, 2012

6:30 pm

Mardi Gras

Dan & Carol Garner's

1204 Fox Lake Dr, Godfrey

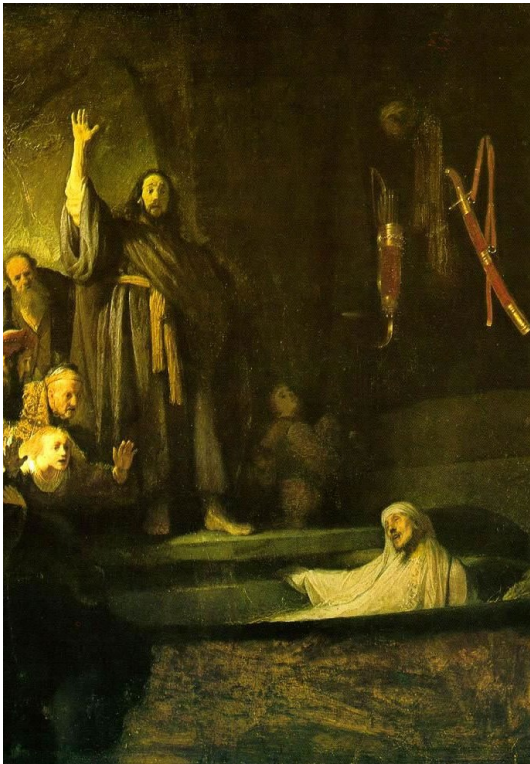


We have beads, beads, beads.

Come join us for a Mardi Gras Party!

Bring an appetizer and beverage of your choice,
and join us at Garner's home for some fun.

Please sign up in the meeting room.



HAND OF POWER

The Transforming
Power of Christ
in Rembrandt's
"The Raising of Lazarus"

Lenten Wednesdays
6:00 p.m. Simple Supper
7:00 p.m. Eucharist

Preaching Themes:

Week 1: February 29

Christ and Rembrandt: From Darkness to Light

Week 2: March 7

Christ and Martha: From Disappointment to Hope

Week 3: March 14

Christ and Mary: From Sorrow to Joy

Week 4: March 21

Christ and the Crowds: From Doubt to Faith

Week 5: March 28

Christ and Lazarus: From Death to Life

RECYCLING IS GOOD STEWARDSHIP

Resurrection collects
ALUMINUM CANS
to recycle. Please take them
to the church Barn.

Our **YELLOW BARN**
collection bin accepts
CLEAN CLOTHES,
shoes and linens
(please place in plastic bags)
for a resale shop operation,
as a fund-raiser.

Use **GOODSEARCH**
for your Internet searches,
and earn some "green"
for the church!
Every search you use
on GoodSearch earns
1 cent per search -it adds up!
www.GoodSearch.com

There is a box in the
Narthex closet
to recycle
CELL PHONES
with batteries only
(no chargers, please).

We are also collecting empty
TONER CARTRIDGES
to recycle them.
Please place them in the box
in the narthex closet.

Use your
SCHNUCKS E-Scrip CARD
to earn money for the
church. If you need a
card, please talk to
Stacey Loveland.

THANK YOU NOTES RECEIVED

Dear Ladies,

Getting mail is something I absolutely love. It can brighten my day just like that! It was so sweet that you guys thought of me during finals. Cafeteria food isn't the best, so I'm glad you sent me the Subway gift card! Thanks so much, ladies.

Love, Morgan



Dear Women's Group,

I wanted to thank you all for generously sending a care package of fruit and encouragement to help motivate me through my diligent studies and preparations for this past semester's final exams. As a Biological Medical Science major and Chemistry minor, my courses have become increasingly rigorous. I am grateful for the support.

Brandon Crivello



Dear Church Women,

Thank you very much for the care package during finals week. I really enjoyed it and it was a great surprise.

Anna Hindelang

FROM THE FINANCE SECRETARY

A couple of friendly suggestions that would make my weekly work just a bit easier:

1. No need to fold checks when putting them in the envelopes.
2. When using pew envelopes, be sure to put your name or envelope number on the outside when you are using cash and would like credit for the offering.
3. When making up contributions, you may do so with one check. The date the check is submitted is the date that is entered in the church records.

Thanks for your help,
Dan Callahan

Pastor's Note:

Dan's job is one of those unseen and often thankless jobs around the church. I thank Dan for his significant weekly work for the church and ask that we all do what we can to make his job a little bit easier.

+ CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS +

The number '40' appears many times in Scripture, often indicating a time of trial or testing, or simply marking something significant. It rained 40 days and nights during the Great Flood. Israel wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. Jesus fasted for 40 days and was with the disciples for 40 days after his resurrection.

Taking this symbolic number to heart, the Christian church has long observed 40 days of Lent (not counting Sundays) as a significant time for prayer, fasting, and making personal sacrifices to give time and money to the poor.



A blessed Lent to all!

WOMEN'S GROUP

The next meeting of the Women's Group will be at my home (Elyse Tillman) on **Tuesday, January 31st at 7 p.m.** My address is **1902 Paris Drive**. Our main agenda item will be planning a spring event.

I thank the women for participating in the College Box activity; to those who donated snacks and gift cards, and for everyone who came to Mary Elizabeth's home on November 30th to pack up the boxes. We had a really good time. Thank you to Becky Grigsby for coming up with the idea and chairing the event. We plan to do this again for Finals week.

Thanks,
Elyse Tillman, President

ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22

Lent begins on **Wednesday, February 22, 2012**. We will have Eucharist at **7:00 p.m.**

Our service will include the distribution of Ashes.

*Plan on beginning
the Forty Days of Lent
with your brothers and sisters
in the faith.*

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for February's Newsletter is **Tuesday, February 21, 2012**.

Financial UPDATE - DECEMBER 2011

Gifts for Ministry	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Actual/Budget Better/(Worse)
Offering	\$ 144,165.75	\$ 152,000.00	\$ (7,833.25)
Board of Christian Ed	25.00	0.00	25.00
Board of Fellowship	422.00	675.00	(253.00)
Board of Social Ministry	212.75	600.00	(387.25)
Project Income	13,004.50	12,500.00	504.50
Flowers	865.00	1,260.00	(395.00)
Interest Income	364.69	300.00	64.69
Other General Fund	2,991.71	1,700.00	1,291.71
Recycling Income	159.70	100.00	59.70
Rental Income	2,050.00	1,600.00	450.00
Total Ordinary Income	\$ 164,262.10	\$ 170,735.00	\$ 1,335.35
Costs of Ministry			
Building and Grounds	\$ 12,583.38	\$ 15,254.00	\$ 2,670.62
Christian Education	1,035.29	1,250.00	214.71
Evangelism	201.80	240.00	38.20
Fellowship	233.14	500.00	266.86
Insurance	5,156.70	4,800.00	(356.70)
Mortgage	22,324.71	25,579.00	3,254.29
Office	8,724.83	8,821.50	96.67
Outreach	500.00	0.00	(500.00)
Staff	101,836.75	103,482.33	1,645.58
Social Ministry	811.88	1,100.00	288.12
Stewardship	614.05	905.00	290.95
Worship	10,408.21	12,710.00	2,301.79
Total Costs of Ministry	\$ 164,430.74	174,641.83	10,211.09

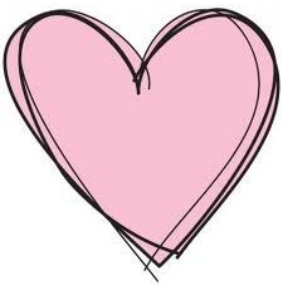


SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY February 5th

On **Sunday, February 5th** we will be collecting cash donations to help feed the hungry through our local **Crisis Food Center**.

Collections will be made after each service.

Please be generous. Let's fill up those soup pots to help those in need!



FEBRUARY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 <i>PRESENTATION of Our Lord</i>	3	4
5 5 EPIPHANY <i>Evangelism Sunday</i> 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Choir 9:00 Adult Class 10:00 Eucharist	6	7	8	9 7:00 p.m. Evangelism	10	11
12 6 EPIPHANY 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Choir 9:00 Adult Class 10:00 Eucharist 3:00 F & N LCCC	13	14 <i>Cyril & Methodius VALENTINE'S DAY</i>	15	16 Church Office Closed	17	18
19 TRANSFIGURATION 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Choir 9:00 Adult Class 10:00 Eucharist	20 9 a.m. Young Hall in Use 7:00 Church Council	21	22 <i>ASH WEDNESDAY</i> <i>Lent begins</i> 7:00 p.m. Eucharist	23 <i>Polycarp</i> 9:30 Newsletter Preparation 12 NOON F & N Luncheon	24	25
26 Lent 1 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Choir 9:00 Adult Class 10:00 Eucharist	27	28	29 6:00 p.m. Supper 7:00 p.m. Eucharist			

SUNDAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

DATE	Acolyte	Altar 1	Altar 2	Comm 1	Comm 2	Greeter	Lector	Prayers	Usher 1	Usher 2
Feb 5	Sam M	Stacey	Elyse	Bill S	Breane	Hammon	Bev	Nancy	Bill M	Sam
Feb 12	Will	Brenda	Carol C	Becky G	Dave S	Belfield	Buzz	LeAnne	Dan C	Nick
Feb 19	Matt	Jill	Lila	Dave F	Elyse	Ishmael	Breane	Aaron	Clyde	Sam
Feb 26	Andy	Stacey	Elyse	Paula	Dan	Jackson	Dave S	Amy	Bud	Dan G
Mar 4	Sam T	Brenda	Carol C	Becky G	Beth	Lochhaas	Steve L	Breane	Dave S	Will S
Mar 11	Ty	Jill	Lila	Jim L	Aaron	Miller	Aaron	Paula	Bill M	Sam
Mar 18	Stephanie	Stacey	Elyse	Rich	Diane	Schafer	Jim L	Nancy	Dan C	Nick
Mar 25	Sam M	Brenda	Carol C	Bill S	Breane	Broche	Rich K	Kevin	Clyde	Sam

If you cannot make your assigned day please switch with someone and let the church office know of the change. Thank you.

FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

1 Jacob Eysers
 3 Carter St. Cin
 6 Bill Meyer
 Ann Egelhoff
 9 Harry Button
 10 Heidi Stauder
 Rick Crivello
 13 Joyce Hoffmann
 18 Rich Kelley
 Neal Booth
 19 Terri Abert
 21 James Steele
 22 Meagan Broche
 25 Brenda Darr
 Thomas Belfield

27 Alexandria Bagwill
 28 Kathaleen Lieber
 Savannah Stairs
 29 Stacey Loveland



BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

1 Angela Walker Moan
 Lanny Darr
 Jennifer St. Peters
 8 Arlene Gosling
 14 Gerry Cappel
 Amy Miller
 23 Brian Lieber
 24 Elyse Tillman
 25 Wendy Mollet



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A Community Ministry of Resurrection Lutheran Church

Hello Friends & Neighbors,

Our trip to Pere Marquette State park for the Eagle watch turned out to be a great day. After giving us a very informative lesson on the eagles, Scott Isringhausen was our step- on guide and the bus took us across the ferry and all around Calhoun County looking for eagles. We saw several flying and perching in the trees, but Scott explained that there were fewer at this time than usual, but he made our trip very interesting. When we arrived back at the lodge we were all hungry and had worked up an appetite for a delicious lunch at the restaurant.

COMING UP

SUNDAY 12TH FEBRUARY—L.C.C.C. Godfrey

COST \$ 17.00 pp

We will be seeing 'THE COURTHOUSE STEPS' at Hathaway Hall put on by G.A.C.A. This is a group of St. Louis singing attorneys who poke fun at national and local events taken from the headlines. The concert starts at 3:00 p.m. and we ask that you be seated before that time.

DEADLINE FOR THIS ACTIVITY IS THE 10TH FEBRUARY.

THURSDAY 23RD FEBRUARY—Resurrection Lutheran Church

COST \$ 15.00 pp

We will be having our first luncheon of the New Year at Resurrection. Lunch will begin at 12:00 NOON and catered by JoDanni's of Benld. After our lunch we will be entertained by the Alton High School Choral Group, Celebrations.

DEADLINE FOR THIS ACTIVITY WILL BE 16TH FEBRUARY.

WEDNESDAY 7TH MARCH— The Sheldon, St. Louis, Mo.

COST \$ 26.00 pp

This is a special 'coffee concert' and we will be seeing the St. Louis Ragtimers 50th Anniversary. Featuring Trebor Tichenor on piano, Al Striker on banjo, Bill Mason on trumpet and Don Franz on tuba, the St. Louis Ragtimers perform a dynamic style of ragtime and Dixieland jazz. After the concert we are planning to have lunch on 'The Hill' at Favazza's and lunch will be at your own expense.

Bus will leave Resurrection at 8:30 a.m.

DEADLINE FOR THIS ACTIVITY WILL BE 20TH FEBRUARY.

SATURDAY 3RD MARCH— L.C.C.C.

COST \$ 17.00 pp

G.A.C.A. is bringing the Ambassadors of Harmony to Hathaway Hall. Please note that this is a Saturday evening concert which starts at 7 p.m. and we are expected to be seated by that time.

DEADLINE FOR THIS ACTIVITY IS FRIDAY, 2ND MARCH.

SATURDAY 7th APRIL —The Peabody Opera House

COST \$ 45.00 pp.

We will be seeing Fiddler on the Roof in the newly renovated Peabody (formerly Kiel) Opera House.

This is a matinee performance. Bus will be leaving Resurrection at 12:30 p.m.

DEADLINE FOR THIS EVENT IS 23RD MARCH.

For more information regarding Friends & Neighbors please call Jill Allen at 372-8951.

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The Rev. Dr. Kenneth Tegtmeier, Pastor
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Jacob Eyers, Organist
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Harry Button, Webmaster

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Jill Allen, Vice-President
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Dan Callahan, Financial Secretary
Carol Garner, Fellowship
Bonnie Hindelang, Social Ministry
Joe Wyatt, Church Properties
Diane Horning, Evangelism
Becky Grigsby, Youth

MISSION STATEMENT

Resurrection's three mission directives are to be
Invitational, Inclusive and **Incarnational**.

As an **Invitational** parish
we invite those who have no church home
to come and discover with us
the joy and freedom of the gospel.

As an **Inclusive** community
we seek to break down all the barriers
that separate us from each other.

As an **Incarnational** congregation
we strive to make the gospel alive
to people in need.

Together, in all these things,
we seek the power of God
to raise us up to new life.



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