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EMMANUEL: God Is With Us Every Day!

A NEW YEAR'S BLESSING

May God make your year a happy one!

Not by shielding you from all sorrow and pain, but
by strengthening you to bear it as it comes;

Not by making your path easy, but by making you
sturdy to travel any path;

Not by taking hardships from you, but by taking
fear from your heart;

Not by granting you unbroken sunshine, but by
keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;

Not by making your life always pleasant, but by
showing you when people need you most,
and by making you anxious to be there to help.

God's love, peace, hope, and joy to you for the year
ahead.

— Author unknown



DAILY MERCIES

Everyone seems to have at least one resolution that
seems impossible to keep. And that can become
very discouraging.

The prophet Jeremiah, who had his own reasons to
feel down, wrote, "The steadfast love of the LORD
never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they
are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

Lamentations 3: 22-23, NRSV

God refuses to give up on us. When we lose hope,
when we fail and fall short, His mercy never runs
out. Tomorrow is full of promise and our Lord's
unceasing love.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

Sunday, January 1

The Name of Jesus

Numbers 6: 22-27

Galatians 4: 4-7

Luke 2: 21

Sunday, January 8

The Epiphany of Our Lord

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Ephesians 3: 1-12

Matthew 2: 1-12

Sunday, January 15

2nd Sunday After Epiphany

I Samuel 3: 1-20

I Corinthians 6: 12-20

John 1: 43-51

Sunday, January 22

3rd Sunday After Epiphany

Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

I Corinthians 7: 29-31

Mark 1: 14-20

Sunday, January 29

4th Sunday After Epiphany

Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

I Corinthians 8: 1-13

Mark 21: 28

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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,

As our Christmas celebrations continue through the Twelve Days of Christmas, I speak to you once again what I shared with you in my Christmas sermons. With the help of Martin Luther I reflected on two aspects of our congregational life that continue to be critical in our lives together: evangelism and service ministry outreach.

Our Mission Statement calls us to be a people who are **INVITATIONAL**. Like the shepherds on that first Christmas night, we are called to have no fear in speaking the name of Jesus and telling of His great and Good News. Each one of us have opportunities in our daily lives to give witness to Christ in both word and deed. Ask God to give you the courage to speak of Him when the time is right and opportunities present themselves.

Our Mission Statement also calls us to be **INCARNATIONAL** in our lives together. In the Incarnation the Eternal God took on Human Flesh and entered into time. The two Incarnational feasts of the church are the Annunciation (March 25) and Christmas (December 25). Notice the Annunciation is the day we remember Jesus' being conceived by the Holy Spirit in the virgin Mary and Christmas, of course, is when the Child conceived in her was born. The question for us, then, is how can Christ become flesh IN US? I would submit to you that Christ takes flesh in us as we reach out helping those in need and in being of service to our brothers and sisters who need us.

As you may remember, last year we started a Local Mission Fund at Resurrection. It is my continued hope that we will find ways to be actively involved in hands-on ministry projects in our local community. Ask God to open your eyes and ears so that you might see and hear of mission opportunities and share them with our church community. I am certain the needs are great. Together, let's look for ways to be of service as the church. Once again, Christmas blessings as we continue our Christmas celebrations through the Twelve Days of Christmas and into the season of Epiphany. We have so much for which to be grateful. I am grateful for you!

Christmas blessings to you and those you love,
Pastor 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



UN-HANGING OF THE GREENS

On **Saturday, January 14** please join us for the "Un-hanging of the Greens," beginning at **8:30 a.m.** Remember: Many hands make light work.

2012 ALTAR FLOWERS

The chart for 2012 Altar Flowers is on the bulletin board just inside the Meeting Room.

The cost is \$30 per week.

You may take your sponsored flowers home after the 10 a.m. service. They are in disposable containers, so there are no vases to return.



GIVING TREE 2011

"Such a generous gift—Thank You!"

Dear Reverend Tegtmeier,

Thank you for sponsoring ten children in need this holiday season. It was very generous.

Families enroll in our programs because they want to change their lives for the better. Knowing that there are people like you willing to help us give them a leg up is an inspiration to me and my staff.

Our primary goal is to prepare disadvantaged children for kindergarten. We use education, health and social services to teach children and strengthen their families in order to achieve that goal. An education is the best way to combat poverty and your donation enables us to give families some cheer and relief while they continue their hard work.

Thank you, again, for enabling us to teach children, strengthen families and enhance our community.

(Handwritten: "Such a generous gift – thank you!")

Happy Holidays,

Chuck Parr, ACSW
President & CEO
Riverbend Head Start & Family Services

Thanks to Dave Schmalbeck for organizing our social ministry outreach once again this year!

RESURRECTION'S ANNUAL MEETING

Held Sunday, November 20th

We achieved a quorum with 57 voting members in attendance.

The assembly passed a budget for 2012 totaling, \$ 167,581.47.

We elected the following Council Members to two-year terms:

Rich Kelley, President
Harry Button, Treasurer
Joe Wyatt, Properties
Bonnie Hindelang, Social Ministry

We thank these members for their willingness to serve. **They will be installed at the 10 a.m. worship on Sunday, January 8, 2012.**

We offer the thanks of the congregation to **Alice Barnard**, **Dave Schmalbeck**, and **Eldon Mollet** whose terms end in 2011 and who have served well and faithfully on the council.

A copy of the Proposed Constitution was distributed to the assembly. Action on the revision will take place in 2012. We will have discussion sessions on the various parts of the Constitution in 2012 before any vote will be taken by the congregation. We anticipate we will have a specially-called congregational meeting for this purpose. Thanks to **Harry Button** and his committee for their excellent work in preparing the Constitution for presentation.

THANK YOU NOTES RECEIVED

To the Women's Group:

Thanks so much for the care package. I really appreciate it. I was stressing about school but this care package has lifted my spirits up. I am still nervous, but I know I can do a better job. Thank you so much for caring.

Jamie Grigsby

Dear Women's Group,

Thank you so much for the box of snacks and the McDonald's gift card and the book. They were so good and just what I needed for finals! Thank you for thinking about me and sending it. It definitely brightened and made my day!

Thanks again!

*Always,
Allie Callahan*



EMBROIDERED CHURCH LOGO NOW AVAILABLE

Our members can have *any* standard item embroidered with the church logo (shown above) for \$8.00 per item. This could be a T-shirt, sweatshirt, apron, or any standard item that the printer normally handles.

If you are interested, please talk to Becky Grigsby for more details.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for February's Newsletter is **Tuesday, January 24th.**

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the goodie package! I enjoyed it all and consumed it faster than I should have.

Love,

Lindsey Grigsby

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Last year a small group of ladies met together to talk about the possibility of forming a prayer shawl ministry. The first meeting was attended by 13 people. We thought this would be a good way to open our talents and love to our congregation and the community. We knit or crochet the shawls for anyone who needs to be lifted up spiritually with our prayers. Since that first meeting we have made 22 shawls or lap robes and given away 16.

We have a meeting once a month on the **THIRD Wednesday at Becky Crawford's home at 6:45 p.m.** We spend time helping each other with our projects. We all enjoy each other's company and all feel like we are contributing to a very worthwhile ministry. Here is where we ask for your help.

Number one: We always need more knitters or those who crochet. If a person can't meet with us we can get you the patterns we've been using and some yarn and you can create from your own chair in front of the TV this fall and winter.

Number two: We need donations for yarn and other supplies. \$10 to \$15 will make a shawl. Please see Becky Crawford if you would like to donate to this ministry or put a check in the offering marked "Prayer Shawls."
– **Becky Crawford,** *Prayer Shawl Ministry*

Financial UPDATE - NOVEMBER 2011

Gifts for Ministry	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Actual/Budget Better/(Worse)
Offering	\$ 131,041.70	\$ 140,307.70	\$ (9,266.00)
Board of Christian Ed	25.00	0.00	
Board of Fellowship	236.00	475.00	(239.00)
Board of Social Ministry	196.75	550.00	(353.25)
Project Income	13,004.50	12,500.00	504.50
Flowers	669.00	1,155.00	(486.00)
Interest Income	342.59	275.00	67.59
Other General Fund	2,893.71	1,558.34	1,335.37
Recycling Income	156.20	91.66	34.54
Rental Income	2,050.00	1,600.00	450.00
Total Ordinary Income	\$ 150,615.45	\$ 158,512.70	(\$ 7,922.25)
Costs of Ministry			
Building and Grounds	\$ 11,765.28	\$ 14,118.27	\$ 2,352.99
Christian Education	999.83	1,225.00	225.17
Evangelism	181.40	220.00	38.60
Fellowship	233.14	458.34	225.20
Insurance	5,156.70	4,400.00	(756.70)
Mortgage	20,554.71	23,447.43	2,892.72
Office	7,794.17	8,090.43	296.26
Outreach	500.00	0.00	(500.00)
Staff	93,647.85	95,083.09	1,435.24
Project Expenses	94.05	75.00	(19.05)
Social Ministry	411.88	1,050.00	638.12
Stewardship	440.00	760.84	320.84
Worship	9,286.21	11,500.84	2,214.63
Total Costs of Ministry	\$ 151,065.22	160,429.24	9,364.02

Alternative SUNDAY SCHOOL

Home Study packets will be mailed to families with school-age children grades 1-7 the first part of each month.

Please watch for the arrival of these packets. If you do not receive a packet and would like to receive one, please let the church office know and we will send one out immediately.

Parents: Please try to schedule some family time soon after the packets arrive so that they do not get lost in the shuffle of life!



JANUARY 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 NAME OF JESUS 10:00 Eucharist	2 HOLIDAY Office Closed	3	4	5	6	7
8 EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Choir 9:00 Adult Class 10:00 Eucharist	9	10	11	12	13	14 8:30 am UN-HANGING OF THE GREENS
15 2 EPIPHANY <i>Martin Luther King, Jr. d. 1968</i> 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Choir 9:00 Adult Class 10:00 Eucharist	16 7:00 Church Council	17	18 <i>Confession of Peter Church Unity Week begins</i> 6:45 Prayer Shawls	19	20	21 <i>Agnes, Martyr d. 304</i>
22 3 EPIPHANY 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Choir 9:00 Adult Class 10:00 Eucharist	23 Office Closed 8:30 a.m. Friends & Neighbors— Pere Marquette Lodge	24 Office Closed	25 <i>Conversion of Paul Church Unity Week Ends</i> Newsletter deadline	26 <i>Timothy, Titus & Silas</i> 9:30 Newsletter Preparation	27 <i>Lydia, Dorcas, Phoebe</i>	28 <i>Thomas Aquinas</i>
29 4 EPIPHANY 8:00 Eucharist 9:00 Choir 9:00 Adult Class 10:00 Eucharist	30	31				

SUNDAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

DATE	Acolyte	Altar 1	Altar 2	Comm 1	Comm 2	Greeter	Lector	Prayers	Usher 1	Usher 2
Jan 1	Volunteers									
Jan 8	Matt	Jill	Lila	Paula	Dan G	Halverson	Karen	Rich K.	Dan C	Nick
Jan 15	Sam T	Stacey	Elyse	Becky G	Beth	Fritz	Brian L	Kevin	Clyde	Sam
Jan 22	Ty	Brenda	Carol C	Diane	Rich	Egelhoff	Kevin	Mary Elizabeth	Bud	Dan G
Jan 29	Stephanie	Jill	Lila	Jim L	Aaron	Garner	Paula	Taylor	Dave S	Will S
Feb 5	Sam M	Stacey	Elyse	Bill S	Breane	Hammon	Bev	Nancy	Bill M	Sam
Feb 12	Will	Brenda	Carol C	Becky C	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

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

JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 6 Lanny Darr
- 8 Mary Elizabeth Jackson
- 9 Cheryl Margherio
Mary Lou England
- 11 Bud Jackson
- 12 Joe Wyatt
- 15 Jennifer St. Peters
- 17 James Goodwin
- 18 LeAnne Lochhaas
- 20 Tammy Neese
- 21 Angie Moan
- 23 Morgan Stradal
- 24 Jim Noble
Chloe Brinkman

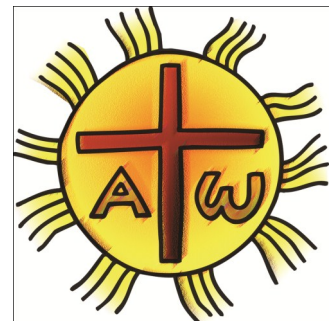
- 26 Shirley Noble
Amy Miller
- 27 Lisa Long

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Vera Schultze
Charles Kelley
Mary Elizabeth Jackson
Eldon Mollet
- 2 Allison Callahan
- 10 Samantha Lochhaas
- 15 Luke Swanson
- 12 Stephanie Tillman
- 20 Colin Swanson

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 29 Rick & Monica Crivello



*“But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
and all these things will be given to you as well.”*

Matthew 6:33

Applying Bible Principles

Money is a neutral commodity, a means of exchange. It is neither inherently good nor evil. But a wrong view of money can become a problem to us.

In First Timothy 6:9-10, Scripture warns about the dangers of a determination to get rich: “But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil; and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.”

When we have a consuming desire to get rich, when we are obsessed with money so that it becomes the focus of our time and attention, then we have made it the number one priority in our lives. In that spot, it replaces everything, including God. We begin to find our security in money, not in God and in God alone.

However, when our view of God is right and our view of money is right, we will realize that money cannot buy security; money cannot purchase happiness; money cannot guarantee peace or joy or contentment. God alone can provide these essentials as we “. . . strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness.”

In his book, *The Gift of Giving*, Wayne Watts said this: “God always lovingly instructs us in the path that is in our best interest and which will bring us the greatest happiness in life. Therefore, for our good, He instructs us to put Him first in all things, and this includes how we use our money.”

How do you view money? Is it at the center of your life, thereby perhaps replacing God’s rightful role? And equally important, are you using the money God has given to you to advance His kingdom and His righteousness?

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.



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A Community Ministry of Resurrection Lutheran Church

Hello Friends & Neighbors,

COMING UP

MONDAY 23RD JANUARY—Pere Marquette Lodge-Grafton. COST \$30.00 pp

We will be going to Pere Marquette State Park to meet with Scott Isringhausen who will tell us all about the life of those beautiful birds (the bald headed eagles). Scott will be our 'step-on-guide' so that we may view the birds in the comfort of the bus as we tour the area. To round out our morning we know we will all be hungry to enjoy a delicious lunch at the lodge. This price does include our lunch, the bus and a donation to Pere Marquette State Park.

BUS WILL LEAVE RESURRECTION AT 8:30 am.

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. Tickets will be handed out by someone from Friends & Neighbors at the door. Also seating is assigned for Friends & Neighbors. It is easier to come in at the back of Hathaway Hall through the lower entrance.

DEADLINE FOR THIS ACTIVITY IS THE 10TH FEBRUARY.

We have some great activities lining up for our members. Speaking of members, we would like to thank everyone who has already sent their dues in for 2012. If you have not yet sent your dues of \$7.00 pp please do so in order to continue your Newsletter for 2012.

If you would like to attend any of the above activities please mail a check made out to "**Friends & Neighbors**" and mail to JILL ALLEN at 32689 WILLOW HILLS PLACE, BRIGHTON IL 62012
A separate check for each activity please.

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

Please remember to "check-in" inside the church *before* getting on the bus. This will let us know that you have arrived. Also please remember to wear your name tag. This helps us to get to know you. If you do not have a name tag, Lila will see that you get one.

**AS ALWAYS WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT
AND HOPE TO SEE YOU NEXT TIME.**

RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF

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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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