



# RESURRECTION REFLECTIONS

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## Resurrection Celebrates 50 years!

We laughed, ate, talked, prayed, took photos, ate, worshipped, laughed more, drank, bought souvenirs, visited, dedicated, prayed again, did we mention we ate? and drank? What a great, fun celebration! Martin Luther would be proud!

On Friday night the fun included a tasting banquet, followed by a trivia game with 'Dum-Dum' suckers to the losing team. Teams wrote and then with more laughter, and some approvals, sang their new lyrics to the Doxology. Many folks had photos taken as Katy or Martin.



Above: Pastors Lindborg, Jensen, and Leaf  
Left: Bert Kirkpatrick and Jeanette Westerhaus (alias Katy and Martin!)

Saturday afternoon was a time of monument dedication. Even though the rain chased us inside, with coffee and cookies we recalled days and times past. We thought of items encased in the time capsule now part of our monument. We thanked God for being with us.

After Sunday worship service, more food, chatter, and rejoicing in our future with a rededication service. Anne Mah, won the drawing for the gorgeous, hand made quilt made by former pastor's wife, Gayle Freeberg. Table decorations, different every day, were beautiful. Food and drink were delicious and plenty. Chatter and laughter were contagious and invigorating. The celebration was in God's name.



Image designed by Barry Schroeder

## **\*\*50<sup>th</sup> Celebration continues\*\***

### ***50th Anniversary celebration a huge success!***

A weekend of festivities began with an invitation from Martin and Katie Luther to join guests at their "haus" for dinner and fun. 90 people enjoyed a variety of dishes from the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary cookbook and prepared by the ladies of the congregation. Trivia games and an opportunity to have your picture taken as Martin or Katie provided entertainment.

Nine charter members attended the Open House on Saturday, May 2: Jim Brown, George Dhority, Ted and Dorothy Moody, Dwain Schmidt, Dolores Hoyle, Lila Gregory-Stout, Marsha Thompson Spangler, and Evelyn Clark. Former pastors, Pastor Jon Jensen and Pastor Al Lindberg spoke to those in attendance.

The historical monument at the front of the church property was dedicated later in the afternoon. The monument has a base of bricks from the church at 521 W Grand and the spire, cross and cornerstone from that building, and a stone and time capsule for the present church. Bruce Cloyd was instrumental in constructing the monument and memorial funds for the Cloyd's daughter Tina Hartman and a gift from the late Lon Doll made the monument possible.

Approximately 125 guests enjoyed the catered dinner on Sunday following morning worship services. The quilt made by Gayle Freeberg, wife of a former pastor, Pastor C Arthur Freeberg, was given away and was won by Ann Clark Mah, who had been in the first confirmation class of Pastor Freeberg at Resurrection. Table decorations of vases of white roses created by Linda Johnson and Vicki Nunn were also given away.

A service of re-dedication led by Pastor Leaf was held on Sunday afternoon.

Throughout the weekend the west room of the church hosted a display of memorabilia of the congregation.

The weekend was truly a congregational event and could not have been possible without the efforts of everyone: planning teams, furniture movers, cooks and bakers, artists, property maintenance teams, those who created all the printed materials, greeters and hosts, choirs, clean-up crews, video production, and those who created beautiful table décor for each event. Your commitment and dedication made it a weekend to be long remembered.



*Left: former and current members (many charter members) speak about the founding and early days of Resurrection. Above: Mr and Mrs Cloyd; finished monument.*

# **\*\*WORSHIP\*\***

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## ***Vacation Bible School.....Discovery Canyon***

God Rocks! Vacation Bible School Rocks! Resurrection Rocks! You and your family are invited to explore Discovery Canyon and the many Wonders of the Word in Vacation Bible School! Plan to come with family and friends every night from Monday through Friday, July 13-17, 6:00-8:30p.m.

A daily theme helps kids plug into the overall theme of evangelism. Kids will learn about their role in praising God, about all that God has done, and about how to tell others about the wonders of the Word. At Discovery Canyon, kids will experience evangelism with the daily themes of Rejoice, Pray, Ask, Tell, and Seek. Each evening will capture your child with Bible stories, skits, videos, songs, projects, games and snacks.

Each night will also include a chance for kids to participate in helping The Oaks, a Native American Lutheran school in Oklahoma. Donations brought to Vacation Bible School will help the kids and adults at The Oaks have a safe environment, a good education, and a brighter future.

Register your family and neighbors and friends now, either at church using the bulletin insert or by going online to <https://toolkit.thevbplace.org/account/signup.php> . Look for the Resurrection Lutheran, Haysville, Kansas link to sign up students and volunteers.

Questions or comments? Call Martha Leaf 554-7663 or email [mleaf@wcsks.com](mailto:mleaf@wcsks.com) .

## ***Favorite Scripture: Saint of the Week!***

One of the biggest highlights of worship this summer has been the sharing by Resurrection members during the service. In the Narthex you will find a coffee can and a personal invitation to:

On the slips of paper provided write your name or the name of another person who would be willing to share his or her favorite Bible verse as a part of a summer worship service and tell a brief story as to why that particular verse is so meaningful.

Pastor Leaf commented that all of the stories have been so great he feels like announcing the end of the service right then and there "alright, let's skip the sermon, service is over, closing hymn" he jokes.

Although all of the stories have been very meaningful some of the highlights were Ray York reading Psalm 23 and sharing what that verse had meant to him. Also, Claudia Howell shared her verse and then told of several conversations between herself and a co-worker. She said that although they both believe in God, He is such a different person for each of them. For Claudia God is loving and forgiving, whereas her co-worker believes in an all-powerful, strict God.

Whatever your story and your verse might be, we want to hear it! Each of these stories has touched someone in the congregation and we hope that they will continue to be an integral part of our summer services!

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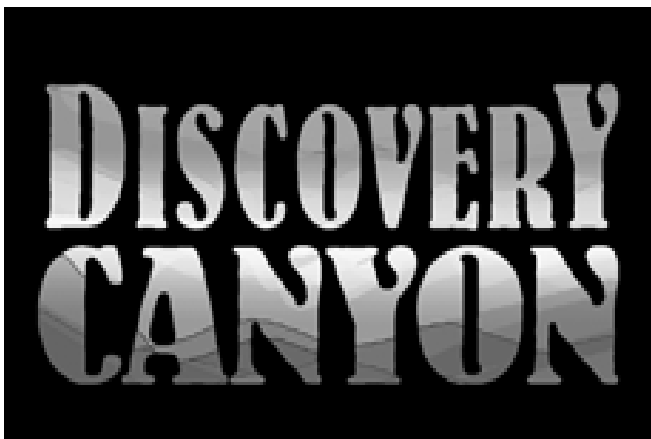
## ***PRAYER***

Lord Jesus, I want to know you personally. Thank you for dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life to you and ask you to come in as my Savior and Lord. Take control of my life

Thank you for forgiving my sins and giving me eternal life. Make me the kind of person you want me to be.

AMEN

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## \*\*LEARN\*\*

### Distributed Learning at Luther Seminary What's This??

By now, most of us have met Tim Meyer, 'our' seminarian, who is attending Luther Seminary largely via internet, cell phone and email. This is *distributed learning*. Resurrection has been chosen as a mentoring congregation for Tim as he progresses in his studies and call to ministry. This spring, Luther Seminary launched a new website for prospective students to explore the list of other Distributed Learning options. In addition to Master of Divinity, offerings include: Master of Arts in Children, Youth and Family, and Graduate Certificates in Parish Nursing, Congregation and Community Care, Aging and Health, and Children, Youth and Family Ministry.

Luther Seminary is inviting you to peruse the new site to learn more about the programs and to share the word with anyone who might be considering a call to ministry. Please visit their web site: [www.luthersem.edu/distributedlearning](http://www.luthersem.edu/distributedlearning)

Another option for further information is to contact Megan Thorvilson, Admissions Office, 2481 Como Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108 651-769-4173.

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### Sunday School News

The Resurrection Sunday School year has concluded until fall. For every student in Sunday school, every Sunday was filled with a common focus drawn from the lectionary readings for the day. Because all age levels explore at least one common Bible reading each week, family members could discuss their discoveries together at home. In addition, in the church family, members explored the scriptures used in the Sunday worship and week by week, participated in the rhythms that guide the Church year – Advent, Christmas and Epiphany, Lent, Easter and Pentecost.

Immersion in a lectionary-based curriculum, such as Living the Good News, joins us with Christian believers throughout history and around the world. On any given Sunday, as we gather for morning worship and our age-graded sessions, we know that around the globe our larger Christian family gathers to hear the same stories and to proclaim the same truths. Our lectionary-based liturgical and educational experience joins us with saints of all places and ages – the unified, celebrating Body of Christ.

The repetitive nature of the three-year lectionary cycle means that one need not learn all there is to know about any given reading in a particular session. The growing child, the questioning adolescent, and the maturing adult each encounter these scriptures again and again at progressive stages of understanding.

A huge thank you goes out to those individuals who weekly devoted time to their own personal study and to developing experiences for the young people of Resurrection on their faith journeys:

Lisa Atcheson, Holly Gonzales, Jody Helton, Hope Tjaden, Rebecca McKusker, Pam Porsch, Vicki Nunn, Martha Leaf, Shari Jordan, Stan Jordan, Tim Leaf, Tressa Vogt, Lyndsey Williams.

Watch the bulletin for the invigorating planning sessions that will kick off Sunday School for the fall. All are welcome!



"Judge a man by his questions rather than his answers"

*Voltaire*

"If passion drives you, let reason hold the reins."

*Benjamin Franklin*

"A pessimist is one who makes difficulties of his opportunities and an optimist is one who makes opportunities of his difficulties."

*Harry S Truman*

"You can't build a reputation on what you are going to do."

*Henry Ford*

## **Faith 5 Seminar**

The Youth Ministry Team (YMT) is ecstatic about an upcoming event entitled "The Faith 5". This special event, coordinated by *Faith Inkubators* (FINK) of Stillwater, Minnesota, will be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1451 E. 47<sup>th</sup> St, Wichita, on July 8, 2009 – right in our own backyard! We will have seven key leaders from the church attending a 1-5 pm seminar that afternoon, and then, we are inviting families to come to the Family Comedy Night later that evening, 7-9 pm. It promises to be a night to remember!

Who are your children/grandchildren biggest faith mentors? Of course, it is their parents/grandparents!! And these are the ones through whom The Faith 5 components are to be initiated and carried out. What are the Faith 5? Simple:

1. Share
2. Read
3. Talk
4. Pray
5. Bless

Be on the lookout for more information in the Narthex on this exciting program, and for ways your family can become a part of this simple Christ-centered, home-based ministry.

If you are as intrigued about this event as we are, please RSVP to either Loretta Holmes (524-0965) or Pam Porsch (529-8713) by 15 June, so we can reserve seats for this superb opportunity.

Our youth are our future. Let's invest one night of fun for that future!

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## **Fall 2009 Thrivent Financial/Habitat for Humanity Build**

Thrivent Financial is sponsoring a third Habitat home build in 2009! The site is in Edgebrook Village, near 33<sup>rd</sup> and Arkansas. The start day is Wednesday, September, 9<sup>th</sup> with the build dates Tuesdays through Saturdays from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, and completion is set for Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. Evening builds, 4-dusk are planned on two Thursdays: September 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> offering further opportunities. Delicious Lutheran lunches will again be provided.

It is exciting to learn that this build is already 100% financed! Thrivent and Habitat are asking us to supply workers. Specifically we will need morning greeters, builders, site coaches and lunch providers. Resurrection has a reserved date, Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. We will work together to supply greeters, builders, lunch and hopefully a site coach on this special date. Of course, you are also most appreciated and welcome to work on any other day of the build. Exclusive Lutheran sign-up closes on July 31<sup>st</sup>, so check your calendars and be looking for the clip board and sign-up sheets. Plan to work with your church family and be part of this very worthy cause.



## **Youth Ministry Team (YMT)**

We would like to introduce our newest team at Resurrection – the Youth Ministry Team (YMT). The purpose of the YMT is this: to coordinate meaningful faith-based activities and programs for youth in grades 3-12, so that the youth will stay involved and connected in the life and mission of the church. The YMT organizers are Loretta Holmes, Pam Porsch, Hope Tjaden and Jody Helton. We are very excited about our new team and encourage anyone interested in being a part of the lives of our church youth to contact one of the team organizers.

The YMT will have regular meetings on ACT Night (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month – all year long) and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month from August – May. We will also have special activities throughout the year for all youth involved, keep on the lookout – it promises to be FUN!

The activities planned for the near future include: July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade Float, Faith 5 Comedy Night on July 8, Youth Worship Sunday July 12, Peder Eide Concert on August 29 and of course ACT Night on July 1!

We invite all youth in grades 3-12 to come and join us in this exciting ministry.

# **\*\*ENCOURAGE\*\***

## **Camp Tomah Shinga Quilt Auction**

Beautifully quilted and tied quilts donated by individuals and congregations from Kansas and Missouri.

Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>

9 am Quilts on Display

10 am Auction

11:30 am – 1 pm Barbeque Lunch

All proceeds go to Camp Tomah Shinga. A special thanks to all the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Chapters across Kansas & Missouri who are helping to sponsor the auction.

To the camp from Haysville: travel north on Hwy 77 to I-70, go east, take exit 299, head south on J-Hill Road for 5.7 miles. The camp's drive is on your left. For further information or directions, call toll free 1-888-656-6254 or go to [www.tomahshinga.com](http://www.tomahshinga.com).

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## **RESURRECTION'S NEWEST PLAY PLACE**

We thank God for teamwork! Teamwork has brought Resurrection's new playground to life. The result is a large, wooden structure with a picnic area, monkey bars, swings, a climbing piece, a slide, and a lookout tower where kids can perch to protect the property!!

This project followed phase one which created a fenced playspace on the east side of the building. The new equipment was part of phase two...a valiant effort led by Darrin Deutscher and supported by many church family members. These folks volunteered many hours to build and supervise until the project was complete. Fund-raising activities such as breakfasts and candle sales along with generous Resurrection member donations and memorial funds have made this addition to our church a reality.

Many thanks to those who prayerfully, actively, and financially supported this exciting endeavor!!

*Left: kids play while property team members work on the new equipment.*

## *Faithful Funnies!*

**Q:** What is the difference between Bird Flu and Swine Flu?

**A:** For bird flu you need tweetment and for swine flu you need oinkment.

**\*\*A minister stood in front of his congregation and announced, "I have good news and bad news. The good news is we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is that it's still in your pockets."\*\***

### **LOT'S WIFE**

The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, 'My Mommy looked back once while she was driving,' he announced triumphantly, 'and she turned into a telephone pole!'

### **DID NOAH FISH?**

A Sunday school teacher asked, 'Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?'

'No,' replied Johnny. 'How could he, with just two worms?'

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Prayers have been answered!

Thanks and praise to God and to the impassioned volunteers who have built two homes along with partner families. Despite weather delays, our two Habitat homes have been completed even earlier than scheduled!! The homes were dedicated on May 21<sup>st</sup>, and families received keys and have proudly taken occupancy.

We're also very proud of the newest Habitat homes. You will be too! Stop by to see them in Wichita, on Jackson Court, just one block east of 33<sup>rd</sup> and N. Arkansas Streets in Edgebrook Village.

HEARTY THANKS to all the Habitat Volunteers!

This spring, Lutheran volunteers in the Wichita area joined Habitat for Humanity and Thrivent Financial to build affordable homes and change lives by helping two more families achieve home ownership. Last year, with generous volunteer help, these agencies celebrated completion of the 100<sup>th</sup> Habitat home in Wichita.

When you help build a Habitat home, know that you are helping to provide a decent, affordable home built with high quality materials and construction techniques, requiring low maintenance. Families selected as partners in this program have a need for adequate housing and meet very low income guidelines. They must have the ability to pay the Habitat 20 year, interest-free, profit-free mortgage, and contribute 250 to 400 hours of volunteer time. Their volunteer time (sweat equity) is spent physically helping on a build and in homeowner education classes such as budgeting, money management, home-maintenance, and being a good neighbor.



## Altar Guild Corner:

Thank You to all who supported and enjoyed the recent breakfast sponsored by the members of our Altar Guild. The success of this project will support the purchase of two home communion kits. These kits will facilitate Pastor Leaf and Bert Kirkpatrick as they bring communion to members and friends unable to attend services. Altar Guild, especially Bert, dreams of, prays for a team of members trained and ready to work as a team to be commissioned and sent after Sunday services to make calls and deliver holy communion.

Training Planned, Opportunity Awaits! Plans are being made to offer training for worship assistants. Anyone in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to 97 years of age is welcome to participate. Be thinking of how you can serve in church: perhaps as an *usher, lector, acolyte or crucifer*? Perhaps you have thought of helping in one or more of these areas of service, but are unsure of what, where, when, how. Altar Guild will soon provide you with the answers and confidence to serve God and the congregation. Watch for an announcement of the worship assistant training date.

## **\*\*LIVING THE FAITH\*\***

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Longtime friend, member, and music director Nadine Bohning.

Many of us had the pleasure of catching up with her at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Resurrection in early May. She will be truly missed!

CLEARWATER - Bohning, Nadine, J. (Hagstrand), age 88, retired music educator for USD 261, church organist and choir director, passed away May 29, 2009. Visitation, 9am-8pm, Mon, with family present, 5:30-7pm. Services, 10am, Tues., both at Webb-Shinkle Mortuary Chapel, Clearwater. Preceded in death by her parents; husband, Paul Bohning Jr; son, Paul Bohning III. Survivors: daughters, Ann (Cpt. Lindsay) Dawe of Henderson, NV, Joy Bohning (Dr. James E. Rowley) of Albuquerque, NM; son Scott (Jean) of Wichita, KS; brother, Duane (Ruth) Hagstrand of Abilene, KS; grandchildren, Whitney Dawe of Long Beach, CA, Tiffany (Jared) McGrath of Las Vegas, NV, Paul Bohning IV, LTJG Ryan (Jessica) Bohning, Tyler Bohning, all of Wichita, and Linnea Rowley of Albuquerque. Memorials: Resurrection Lutheran Church, 2850 West 71st St. So., Haysville, KS. 67060, Clearwater Historical Society, 149 North 4th, Clearwater, KS. 67026, or Scandinavian Society of Wichita, P.O. Box 48291, Wichita, KS. 67201. [www.webb-shinklemortuary.com](http://www.webb-shinklemortuary.com)

### June Synod Assembly Notes

Pastor Leaf and Loretta represented our church at this year's synod assembly in Lindsborg, in June.

Opening the assembly, Bishop Mansholt stated, "We are still on that journey of putting our mission at the heart of our lives as God's people. The goal is for all congregations to be involved in mission." Three points he made are: God's mission continues in good times and bad. We remain the wealthiest church in the history of the world. God's grace is abundant.

#### Resolutions:

CSS Compensation Guidelines for 2010 – approved as presented.

Four resolutions related to memorial concerning recommendation on ministry policies:

1. Resolved, that the ELCA commit itself to finding ways to allow congregations that choose to do so to recognize, support, and hold publicly accountable life-long monogamous, same-gender relationships. Passed 240 - 145.
2. Resolved, that the ELCA commit itself to finding a way for people in such publicly accountable, lifelong, monogamous, same-gender relationships to serve as rostered leader or this church. Passed 216 – 178.
3. Resolved, that, in the implementation of these resolutions, the ELCA commit itself to bear on another's burdens, love the neighbor, and respect the bound consciences of all. Passed 274-118.
4. Resolved, (resolution too lengthy to include full text. See website.) Passed 230 – 169.

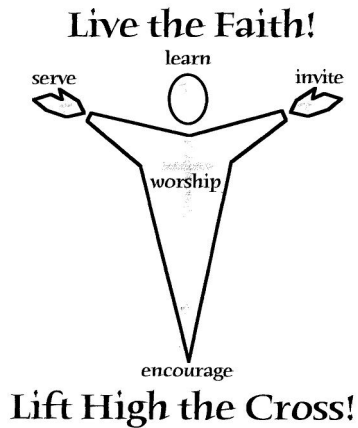
#### Resolutions adopted:

Appreciation for retired persons, and faithfully departed.  
Encouraging dialog on national health care reform.  
Global awareness, remembering companion synods.



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**OUR MISSION STATEMENT**  
**Live the Faith! Lift High the Cross!**

**OUR VISION STATEMENT**  
**We will grow in faith and numbers by seeing Christ in one another in all we say and do.**

**We are a welcoming place from the curb to the coffee pot and back**  
**"COME AND SEE!"**

SUMMER WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY AT  
9:00 AM