



RESURRECTION BELL REFLECTIONS

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Dear members and friends of Resurrection,

Believe it or not Lent is just around the corner! That means Mid-Week services, soup suppers and the like. Ash Wednesday is February 17th this year. We will mark that day with the traditional service of *Penitence* with the "Imposition of Ashes." It is a somber time to remember what we have done and left undone which is contrary to God's desires. It is also a time to confront our mortality and exercise a regiment of discipline and devotion. This year our mid-week gatherings will focus on the parts of Luther's Small and Large Catechisms.

Early in its history the Lenten season became a time of education in the basics of the Christian faith for new converts seeking baptism at the Easter Vigil. Martin Luther encouraged preaching on the catechisms, especially during Lent. Using the catechisms as a basis for our midweek Lenten worship provides an opportunity to revisit some of the basic teachings of the Christian community. In addition to Luther's Small and Large Catechisms, we will have the opportunity to look at some of Luther's hymns (often written as teaching verses for the catechisms), prayers, and sermons for insights into the series.

This is my personal invitation to the entire congregation to come, worship, and take advantage of these worship and learning opportunities. They are prepared for your edification. Ash Wednesday, our Soup Supper begins at 6:00 p.m. and our worship is at 7:00 p.m.

In Christ's service,

+Pastor Hallstrom

2010 Church Council



Back Row: Ray York, Darrin Deutscher, John Larsen, Barry Schroeder, Pastor Tom Hallstrom
Front Row: Robert Nunn, Ruth Albertin, Bob Westerhaus, Evelyn Cherry

2010 Church Council Officers

- Bob Westerhaus..... President
- John Larsen..... Vice President
- Barry SchroederSecretary
- Evelyn CherryTreasurer

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

Live the Faith! Lift High the Cross!

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For freedom consists in this, that we have no other obligation than to love our neighbor. But love teaches very easily how all things are done rightly. Without it nothing can be taught in a satisfactory manner.

--Martin Luther

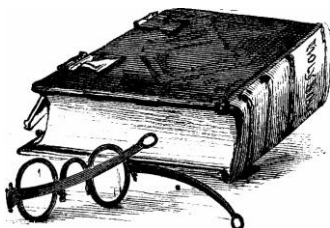
Pastoral Call Committee

At the Annual Meeting, Part 2, Sunday, January 24th, our new church council president, Bob Westerhaus, announced the council's selection of nine people for the call committee. The nine people chosen to serve are: Kris Atcheson, Brian Christiansen, Evelyn Clark, Deanna Deutscher, Shari Jordan, Barry Schroeder (council liaison), Clark Sholts, Jeanette Westerhaus, and Lyndsey Williams.

Doesn't it seem like forever since Pastor Leaf answered a call to Trinity Lutheran Church in McPherson? Since September, we have been blessed to have Pastor Tom Hallstrom serving as our interim pastor. He has melded with our congregation so well, so easily and so quickly. None the less, we have become impatient to 'get on with it'! IT being the search and call to a permanent pastor for Resurrection! We are fortunate that many people indicated their desire and willingness to serve on this all important call committee.

Input from members will be essential for the call committee to put together a congregational profile that will be used in the call process. Make sure that you attend the upcoming congregational gatherings that will focus on the past, present and future of the church.

Please pray that God will lead our church, the council and especially the call committee as we work through the call process. Thank God for the eager spirit present in our church. Pray for open hearts and minds to heed and accept God's guidance.



Morning Prayer



I accept this new day as your gift,
And I enter it now with eagerness. I open my senses to perceive you, I lend my energies to things of goodness and joy. Amen

--Rita Snowden

HERE ARE THREE THINGS WHICH YOU CAN DO TO INSURE RESURRECTION WILL CALL THE BEST PASTOR POSSIBLE FOR YOUR CONGREGATION.

1.) *First and foremost:*

- ATTEND WORSHIP REGULARLY!

2.) *Second:*

- PRAY DAILY FOR THE CALL COMMITTEE, THE CONGREGATION, AND THE CALL PROCESS.

3.) *Third:*

- ATTEND AND TAKE PART IN THE FOUR CONGREGATIONAL SESSIONS FOR INFORMATION GATHERING.

The dates are:

Sunday, February 14th after worship.
Sunday, February 28th after worship.
Sunday, March 21st after worship.
Sunday, April 11th after worship.

Haiti Earthquake Relief

Your help is needed today to bring immediate relief and continued hope for our brothers and sisters in Haiti. About 3 million lives, one-third of Haiti's population, are affected by this earthquake.

Already one of the poorest countries in the world (70 percent of Haiti's population lives in extreme poverty), this catastrophe will exacerbate the suffering felt by many already living with hunger and poverty.

ELCA Disaster Response is already working through long-standing partnerships on the ground to provide emergency food, water, shelter and medical supplies.

Financial gifts are urgently needed. **Your gifts to ELCA International Disaster Response, designated for Haiti Earthquake Relief, will be used entirely (100 percent) for immediate relief and ongoing recovery in Haiti.** Your prayers and generous gifts will make a life-saving difference. Please give today at www.elca.org/haitiearthquake.

Thank you for your prayers, your gifts and your partnership.

Sincerely,



The Rev. Daniel Rift

Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal



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Season of Light

Have you driven into our church parking lot at night lately to see and appreciate our new light at the street entrance?

Three nameless, alternative route drivers, who almost drove into the pond and did get stuck in axle deep mud are most appreciative! Check out our new light---installed during Epiphany, the Season of Light, hmmm!

WELCA **Women of** **ELCA/WELCA**

By Evelyn Clark



Are you interested in Bible study?
In fellowship?

Would you like to help with bake sales, soup suppers, bazaars? WELCA is perfect for you!

Our WELCA group meets at the church the second Tuesday of each month at 10 am, followed by a light lunch. Presently, our Bible study is St. Paul's letter to the Romans. All study materials, along with the study leader are provided. Future activities we are planning include the Ash Wednesday soup supper, a luncheon for the Haysville Chamber of Commerce, and a Palm Sunday bake sale.

All ladies of the congregation are invited. Come as you are able, as vacations and work schedules permit.

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Bad Girls of the Bible

By Loretta Holmes

Attention Bad Girls! Well, any Resurrection woman, all of us have been bad! Are you searching for answers and also looking to find fulfilling female fellowship? Bad Girls invites you to attend our monthly gatherings for Bible study and discussions relative to our lives and times.

On March 13th we will begin a study of Mary Magdalene. Please join us for a fun learning time and tasty refreshments. We meet the second Saturday of each month from 10:00 am until noon. Has it been a while since anyone called you bad, or a girl? Come, we welcome you to meet with Bad Girls!

Lectionary Bible Study

By Loretta Holmes

Do you want to be ahead of the game? Lectionary Bible Study will help you to do just that! Come, join this informal study group as we meet to read, discuss, study, compare translations and even question the upcoming Sunday worship service lessons.

With every new church year, our Sunday Gospel readings change to a different Gospel; this year they are from the book of Luke. Our study this year then, includes the readings from Luke, as well as the selected Old & New Testament readings.

Our study is casual yet we find our heads and spirits filled with God's word, and gradually, we gain greater insight and understanding. Lectionary Study folks would like to share the learning with you!

We meet every Tuesday at 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Please join us for a fun evening, gain a 'heads-up' on the coming Sunday's lessons and fill your spirit with God's word!



Youth Quake

February 5-7, Youth Encounter is hosting a Youth Quake/Construction Zone event at the Wichita Marriott. This year's event theme is "Do, Love, Walk" based on Micah 6:8 "And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" Youth from 6th to 12th grade will be learning about what it means to **do** justice, **love** kindness, and **walk** humbly with God. Youth are encouraged to let their faith grow while experiencing awesome speakers, participating in fun activities and rocking out to Christian music. Please keep the following youth and sponsors representing Resurrection in your prayers:

YOUTH -

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| Marriah Atcheson | Roza Atcheson |
| Ashley Porsch | Heather Porsch |
| Jody Rinke | William Casteel |
| Andrew Kaufman | Hannah Kaufman |
| MyKenzie McKusker | Zach Doll |
| Tyson Doll | |

ADULT SPONSORS -

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| Todd Kaufman | Loretta Holmes |
| Pam Porsch | Rhonda and Randy Doll |

Sunday School Report



In addition to learning Bible lessons, we have been busy with several activities. We celebrated Pastor Tom's birthday by singing his favorite childhood song, "Zacheus" followed by "Happy Birthday". The annual Halloween meeting and party was enjoyed by all and a grand finale event was our Christmas Pageant, "Finding the Christmas Star". Now we are busy planning our Mother's Day Breakfast Tea and Vacation Bible School.

Watch and listen for the Sunday School Choir. We will be singing God's praises during worship on the last Sunday each month.

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Interior Design Team

Since we moved into our new building, the Interior Design Team has worked to select colors, chairs, supported font, altar and pulpit designs, and set up short and long term goals.

Now the team needs to prioritize and consider which goals to implement such as lettering around the sanctuary, additional overhead lighting in the sanctuary, narthex needs, suspended stained glass in the sanctuary windows.

How do we raise funds for these projects?

If these projects interest you and you're prepared to do some research, or have additional ideas, contact:

Shari Jordan or Patti Meserve.

Thank you all!

*Members and Friends of Resurrection, I and Marlene want to express our profound gratitude for your generosity shown to us this past Christmas Season and during Marlene's surgery. For the gifts the cards, the thoughts and the prayers, we are extremely thankful. You are a wonderful congregation with the love of Christ poured richly into your hearts! Thank you all, again!
+Pastor Tom and Marlene*



Valentine's Day Brunch

Property Committee is sponsoring a brunch to follow worship on Sunday, February, 14, 2010.

Menu:

- Pancakes
- Breakfast Casserole
- Sausage
- Fruit Salad
- Juice
- Coffee

Suggested Donation: \$5.00 per adult

Funds raised will help purchase a larger shed/garage. Sign up in the narthex.

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Quilting Invitation

By Candyez Saxton

I am hoping to form a team that will meet for two months to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief. With the recent devastating earth quake in Haiti, the need for quilts is greater and more urgent. If anyone is interested in this service project, we will work out meeting details. Please contact:

Candyez Saxton @ home: 777-4792
Cell phone: 316 393-0907 or
Email: csaxton4@cox.net

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Whenever we pass by a church,
Stop, feel free to pay a visit.
Then when at last we're carried in,
Our Lord won't say, "Who is it?"

From DEAR ABBY



Live the Faith! Help Us Grow!

We will grow in faith and numbers by seeing Christ in one another in all we say and do!

A Welcome Team for Resurrection has been activated. Now we're ready to move to the next level and we are looking for persons to be available in the narthex each Sunday to identify and greet visitors, assist them in finding the nursery, Sunday School areas, to follow the worship bulletin, to be included in coffee fellowship, etc.

Are YOU interested in stopping by to say 'Hello' to a visitor after they have worshipped with us? Can you link a visitor with a member who holds something in common, perhaps shares the same hobby, has same age children, etc? Are you interested in sending follow-up notes?

The next meeting for this welcome team is scheduled for Sunday, February 21st at 2 pm at church. If you have a ready smile, questions about our Welcome opportunities, see Evelyn Clark, Jeanette Westerhaus or Clark or Noreen Sholts.

Clown Ministry

We are fools for the sake of Christ...1 Cor. 4:10



Twinkles

A member of Reformation Lutheran, Nancy Watkins, needed some laughter among

worries when her son, Adam, was deployed in the army. She graduated as Twinkles from Wichita Clown College, sponsored by HospiceCare of Kansas. Now Twinkles brings twinkles to faces, young and old as she clowns at parades, nursing homes, birthday parties, Vacation Bible School and Wesley Medical Center, where Nancy is an RN. She has a red nose, red hair and wears lots of pins, especially her favorite, "I clown for Christ." Twinkles says, "I am happy to spread God's love." and truly likes sharing the Gospel with children,



Rufus

RUFUS (Pastor Mike Clark of Christ, Lutheran) shares the love of God by grinning, waving,



giving stickers and pulling a red wagon with big furry puppets. Needing a focus after his son, Tim, was severely injured in an accident, Pastor Clark studied 'Clown 101' at Clown Camp in LaCrosse, WI and at Caring Clown Ministry, and then RUFUS came to be. The name RUFUS is significant as the name of a son of Simon of Cyrene who carried Christ's Cross, RUFUS backwards spells suffer, and the name asks, "R U For US?" His costume includes shoes with crosses, rainbow and dove, signs of God's promise and presence. When you see Pastor Clark's red pickup truck with RUFUS plates, you know that caring, smiles and a friend are near. He says that visiting as Rufus is an opportunity to give to others, and as he does, he gains even more.

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I would like to express my greatest, heartfelt thanks for all the loving care from my Church Family, that I received during my hospital stays. An extra special thanks to those who cared for my precious animals! I love every one of you.

In Christ, Lila Stout

Dear Friends of Resurrection,

Thanks for all the prayers, calls and visits during my recent heart surgery. I am sure your prayers helped make me wake upon the green side of the grass! Besides that, I got the distinction of being Pastor Tom's first hospital 'victim'. God Bless and we will keep each other in our prayers.



Thank You! Bruce Cloyd



HAYSVILLE HEALTH CARE CENTER OUTREACH

By Bert Kirkpatrick

As many of you know, I have the privilege of conducting the worship service at the Haysville Health Care Center. It is an outreach for our church which came about by my substituting for Pastor Leaf one time. When Pastor Leaf decided not to continue the service, the Center called me to ask if I would do it. From there it evolved to me doing one service a month on each second Sunday at 2:00 pm.

The other three men who conduct services there are ordained ministers and I am the only layman. When I first began doing services there on a regular basis, I asked a resident when they had last received communion. The reply was that it had been about three months prior. Believing that there is much healing in the Holy Communion, I said that I would correct that. Hence, we take a short break between service and communion so that anyone who does not wish to stay can leave. So, communion is celebrated monthly.

It was in the beginning of our ministry there that I became known as ‘Pastor’ or ‘Reverend’ even though I announced at the beginning of the service each month who I was and that our pastor was Pastor Tim Leaf. I am not an ordained minister and I tried hard to dissuade people from addressing me as such. Actually, I became a little frustrated in that endeavor, much to the amusement of Pastor Tim. Finally, one day when I was griping about it to him and he was laughing, I said, “Okay! If you hear there is another Lutheran pastor in this area, move over!” Well, through the help of some of the staff, we finally settled on a title. I am Brother Bert and I can live with that.

Since we are the only liturgical church doing service, I have my altar in a suitcase, using one of the tables in the dining room where service is held. The white linen is placed, the Bible is there, a cross is in the center, the communion vessels are placed and covered, and at the beginning of the service the candles are lit. I preach from the lectionary almost without fail, although I have departed from it a few times.

As the communion elements have already been consecrated, I use the format of home communion. Whoever is accompanying our hymns assists me when the elements are offered,

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which we do by intinction. Most residents are in wheelchairs or use walkers, so we move from one person to another.

Somewhere along the line, I realized that we should provide a social outlet and I proposed a coffee fellowship to follow and invited people to bring something to share such as a favorite poem. I have become acquainted with Suzanne Munyon, a resident at the Center, who has a Lutheran background. We have become good friends. Suzanne graciously acts as hostess and pours the coffee and we sit around and just chat or exchange ideas. This fellowship has led to the development of friendships and I often just drop by and circulate and chat and not infrequently have supper at Suzanne’s table. The meals are good and nutritious.

I am assisted by willing musicians. Amy, our former Resurrection pianist, Evelyn Clark, and a Methodist gal, Linda Graber have taken turns playing for us and assisting me with communion. When Amy left, Roberta Gould filled her place, so I have three willing partners who enhance our service. I don’t know what I would do without them.

It is such a joy to represent the church in this fashion. We are the only church outside of the Catholic Church (attending to just its own members) that brings communion. I am firmly convinced that communion is what draws people to our service. We have an average attendance of about 30 people and most stay for communion. To illustrate that the importance of the communion and to make an admission that I haven’t gotten totally over being “Pastor”, I will end by telling you that someone will occasionally ask my friend, Suzanne, ‘Is your pastor is coming and is he bringing communion?’! Oh, well, you can’t win them all.

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Our 2010 Thrivent/Habitat Home @
Edgebrook Village, 33rd and Arkansas Streets

You can be part of this joyous task! Construction begins April 6th,
completion will be May15th.



Your offer to help is most welcome.

Contact:
Congregational Champion, Barry Schroeder
Lunch Coordinator, Candyce Saxton
or
Habitat’s Volunteer Coordinator:
Glenda, glenda@wichitahabitat.org

- Prayers for build safety and completion
- Financially to cover building material costs
- Builders on all week days Tuesday-Saturday
- Lunch Providers and servers
- Greeters/Sign-in folks

Spotlight on Evelyn Clark (Happy Birthday on February 9th!)



A lifelong Kansan, Evelyn was born at home in Palmer, KS. She is the eldest of three children with siblings Marvin and Marlene. A Lutheran for life, she was baptized and confirmed in an Ohio Synod church, which later became an ALC then ELCA church.

Evelyn speaks with love of her husband, Wayne. They were high school sweethearts, married in the fall after graduation----it'll never last! Well, only for 54 years, when Wayne died March 5, 2005. Wayne worked at Boeing and they moved to Haysville in 1958 where Evelyn taught school for 30 years. As a wife, mother and teacher, Evelyn earned college degrees; a BA in liberal arts, English major, and her Masters degree in Education. She laughs telling about their first apartment, and demonstrates her cockroach killing dexterity. They bought their home @ 231 Anita in 1958,

raised two daughters and now she has 3 grandchildren, and 1 great grandchild. Daughters, energetic as their mom: Ann Mah, retired from ATT&T, is a Democratic State Representative; Peggy Torrens, a retired teacher, works for the KS State Dept. of Education.

Evelyn and Wayne had a camper and loved to travel with their daughters and later with grandchildren. Since retirement, she has travelled outside the US to New Zealand, and to Germany seven times where she visited family. Not surprisingly, genealogy is an interest and Evelyn has found her parent's town in Germany. She has learned of her ancient family being pagan, becoming Catholic, then Lutheran since the time of Martin Luther.

Charter members of our church, Wayne and Evelyn, always took an active roll. In 1962, by default, she became church organist and practiced all that summer, previously having only one summer of piano lessons. Evelyn has served four times as treasurer, three times on building committees, leads numerous teams and committees, participates in Bible studies. She feels that Chapter 8 of Romans has been her faith foundation.

Her first love at church is choir. She finds great satisfaction serving as choir director, and selecting singable hymns with lyrics appropriate to the Bible verses. She loves to cook and has turned that into a church ministry, serving Chamber of Commerce dinners, arranging soup suppers, brunches, lunches, working to furnish our new church kitchen, etc.

Always, but more so with years, Evelyn treasures her family and supportive church family. She feels that now is the high point at Resurrection. She senses great enthusiasm in this exciting time as we choose a new pastor and plan for expansion.

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Do small things with great love.
--Mother Teresa

NOAH'S ARK



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Kids Bible Wordsearch

ANIMALS IN THE BIBLE?

Fit the words in the list into the diagram below reading forward, backward, up, down, diagonally, always in a straight line.

Puzzle # 2



- ANTELOPE
- APE
- BADGER
- CALF
- CHAMELEON
- CROCODILE
- DEER
- FOX
- FROG

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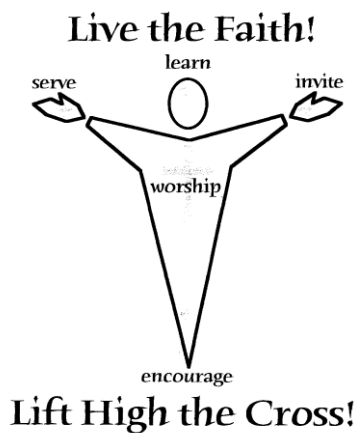
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OUR VISION STATEMENT

**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!"**

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM

WORSHIP 10:00 AM