



RESURRECTION REFLECTIONS

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OUR MISSION

Live the Faith! Lift High the Cross!

OUR VISION

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

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Welcome Pastor Elizabeth Cummings



Many prayers offered up by the congregation, and hard work put forth by our call committee have come to fruition! On June 19th, the congregation voted to extend an call to Elizabeth Anne Cummings, asking her to become Resurrection’s eighth Pastor, which she accepted.

Elizabeth is a native of South Windsor Connecticut, graduating from the University of Connecticut with a BA in Psychology in 2002. She went on to receive her Master of Divinity at Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg in 2010.

Although Resurrection is Elizabeth’s first call as an ordained pastor, she has several years of experience behind her. Elizabeth served as a vicar at Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church in Seattle; this is a large, inner city church. Following Seminary school, Elizabeth served as Interim Seminarian for Learning and Worship at Luther Church of the Abiding Presence in Burke, Virginia.



Elizabeth, along with her husband, Rory Cummings, will be right here in our midst, as they are currently buying a house in Haysville. We are excited to welcome the newlywed couple, who were married on May 21st, 2011 into our community. Elizabeth gave both the sermon and children’s sermon for us on June 12th. We are looking forward to this new chapter for Resurrection, as Elizabeth will begin her duties as our eighth pastor on Monday, August 15th, 2011. Join us in welcoming this coastal girl to the Heartland!



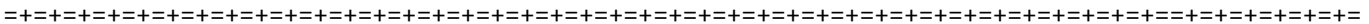
Elizabeth was ordained by our Bishop Gerald Mansholt at her home church, Emmanuel Lutheran in Hartford Connecticut on July 17th of this year. Resurrection members showered her with cards, sending them to her home in Gettysburg, to celebrate the ordination. Cards were designed by church members and featured the new stained glass windows.

News from Upper New York Friends & Former Members: Tommy & Linda Rowe

God bless you all, and we are grateful that we could be of some use to our Resurrection Lutheran Church family, even from this distance. We did attend Elizabeth's ordination and it was a wonderful experience. We see why you called her to be your pastor.

It was nice to see Bishop Mansholt again too. We also met Elizabeth's father, who was full of the emotions that inevitably come in reaching a long-awaited goal in one's child's life, only to have the very next goal take her to a far place. We saw Elizabeth's husband, mother, and sister, but everyone was helping to shake hands and greet the large crowd so we did not get to greet them personally. The church was not air-conditioned and this was one of the hottest days of the year in Hartford, so Elizabeth got a taste of what it is like to be on the "hot seat", so to speak! The Luther Hall was air-conditioned, so melting was abated. Many wanted to know if tornados really come to Kansas. We let them know that Elizabeth was going to a safe place where she would be loved and where the congregation would work alongside her. I personally asked her to take care of my church family children. (You know who you are.) We pray for all of you as you work and worship in the name of Christ. *Lift high the cross!*

Tommy and Linda Rowe



Women of the ELCA Chamber Luncheons



Approximately ten times each year for the past five or so years WELCA, with the help of some willing men, serve delicious, homemade luncheons for the Haysville Chamber of Commerce



monthly business meetings.

Along with other money raising projects, WELCA uses these funds for items not ordinarily budgeted: a congregational outing (Christmas Trolley Ride), scholarships for kids to attend Camp Tomah Shinga, a new dishwasher, registration for 9 women to attend Central States Convention, the new shelves and narthex book racks, helping to re-furnish the pastor's office, purchase beverage center with coffee maker & cabinetry, most of the very pricey paper and cleaning products used every day. Thank you WELCA and husband/male helpers!



Property Committee BBQ--- and Other Busyness

Resurrection is blessed with a large group of dedicated hard workers who don't hesitate to share their dreams, time and talents with upkeep and improving our church.



Recently this group sponsored a Bar-B-Q Lunch following Sunday worship to help pay moving expenses for our new pastor. Hard, smoky work produced over \$400 for this cause.



Other Property Committee projects recently completed or in the works include: installation of parking lot and monument lighting, (They are just waiting on Westar for a new pole to be installed.) a beautiful shelf, constructed by Don Meserve, along with a new bulletin board have been installed in the Fellowship Hallway, a new coat of paint brightens parts of the church, quotes are being gathered for more floor tile and installing a drinking fountain in Fellowship Hall, and plans are made for a farewell lunch for Pastor Cross and Tim Meyer.

Peder Eide Concert



Imagine this: Lutherans singing out loud, clapping, raising their hands and dancing in worship. Almost unbelievable? It all happened at Lord of Life Lutheran Church on July 15th, when the Lord of Lifers served a BBQ dinner followed by the Peder Eide concert. It was 104 degrees hot and the bugs were biting, but 9 ‘Resurrectionites’ had a fun, faith lifting time listening to Peder Eide (also a Lutheran) deliver his faith message: “God is good, ALL the time!” God adores you, accepts you, as you are: “As Is!” Several times Peder asked the group to participate, “Can you do this?” YES!! With singing, clapping, dancing, raising hands to our Abba (Daddy) Father.

These folks will urge you, “Don’t miss Peder Eide the next opportunity you have.”



Clark Sholts, Jody Rinke, Pam Porsch, Heather Porsch, William Casteel, Peder Eide, Noreen Sholts, Loretta Holmes, Elijah Holmes, Pastor Larry Cross.

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Dentist's Hymn	Crown Him with Many Crowns
Contractor's Hymn	The Church is One Foundation
The Tailor's Hymn	Holy, Holy, Holy
The Golfer's Hymn	There's a Green Hill Far Away
The Politician's Hymn	Standing on the Promises!
Optometrist's Hymn	Open My Eyes That I Might See
The IRS Agent's Hymn	I Surrender All
The Gossip's Hymn	Pass It On
The Electrician's Hymn	Send The Light
The Shopper's Hymn	Sweet Bye and Bye
The Massage Therapists Hymn	He Touched Me
The Doctor's Hymn	The Great Physician

Glocal Mission Gathering A RARE Opportunity Right Close, in Wichita!



Exciting plans are developing for hosting an ELCA Global Mission gathering here in Wichita, Friday, September 30 and Saturday, October 1, at St. Paul's-Wichita, in partnership with our Central States Synod.

Featured speaker: The Rev. Stephen Bouman, Executive Director of ELCA Congregational and Synodical Mission, and former Bishop of Metropolitan NY Synod!

Workshops and presenters will offer opportunities for you to meet people from across the country and many lands, considering our Global and Local (Glocal) mission.



Register now -- and designate a congregation team. Information and registration are at www.elca.org/glocal. Follow us on Facebook at "Wichita, KS Glocal Mission Gathering." Put this on your calendar now. Hosting volunteers much needed. Local co-facilitators are Pr. Dave Fulton revdavefulton@live.com and Pr. Sally Fahrenthold sallyf@cox.net.

GLOCAL is coming to us! It is happening at St Paul's Lutheran Church right close in Wichita. The price is right: just \$35. At GLOCAL you will be able to meet and greet folks from near and far, to listen and learn from great speakers. You will learn more about how and where to participate in mission, perhaps just down the street or around the globe.

At Resurrection there is a GLOCAL sign-up sheet in the narthex or a clipboard will be passing by.

This is a rare opportunity-don't miss out!

An Opportunity to Invest in Our Youth

The Haysville Youth Ministers have partnered together to bring the *Seven Project* to our communities. The Seven Project is a customized, multimedia event designed to impact students with solutions to the problems they are actually facing. It serves as a catalyst to mobilize and equip Christian communities to reach out to our youth. Also it is a comprehensive outreach strategy that equips and trains leaders as well as students in effective evangelism and discipleship.



During the first seven weeks of Sunday School, our 6th-12th grade youth will be participating in a Bible study that is directly related to the Seven Project. They will receive a special T-Shirt to wear to school on designated days, thereby connecting with other Christian classmates. In addition they will receive seven books of "Hope" (the four Gospels condensed) to share with their friends who are not a part of this event and may not know Jesus. The final event will be held at Campus High School on October 26, 2011 at 7pm. All are invited to this Evening of Hope.

To bring this event to town is not free. To help fund the Seven Project we will be selling shares of stock in our Youth. We ask you to prayerfully consider donating to this event and investing in our youth. We are committed to our youth are you? Please see Pam Porsch or Loretta Holmes for more information.

Dreams and Plans Realized

An early priority of the interior Design Team was to have attractive display areas in the narthex. This has now been realized with the completion of a 10- foot shelf and bulletin board in the hall

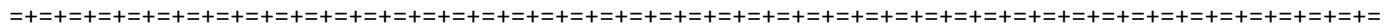


leading to the Fellowship Hall, a display shelf in the narthex, and a coat rack in the west hall.



All were built by Don Meserve and are beautifully done.

Don also built the Advent wreath stand and matching flower stands for the chancel area. Thank you, Don, for sharing your talents and providing the church with these fine additions. Also, thank you to WELCA for picking up the cost of these projects.



We Are Proud Of Our Graduates!

We celebrated our 2011 graduates with a blessing and cake provided by the Altar Guild. This year's graduates in their school's cap and gown: Jake Stevenson, Clearwater High School; Ryan Marshall, Friend's University with a BA in Business Administration; Marriah Atcheson, Derby High School. Not pictured are: Ashly Johnson, Goddard High School; Robby Nunn, WSU with a BA in Business Administration, minor in Management; Courtney Campbell, WSU, with high honors in Biology, and Landon Doll, Southwestern College of Professional Studies, BS in Business Quality Management.



New Stained Glass Windows

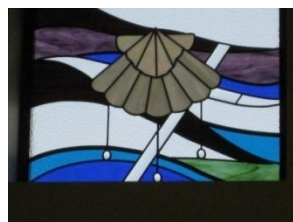
The six clerestory windows in the sanctuary of Resurrection Lutheran, Haysville, have been fitted with stained glass symbols. The three on the east depict the Trinity with the Lamb, the Hand of God, and the Descending Dove.

The three on the west side depict the sacraments with a baptismal shell and wheat and grapes with the Luther rose in the center window.



Pastor Cross led the dedication of the windows during worship on July 3rd, 2011. The windows are the gift of the Doll family and friends in memory of Lon Doll and were created by Rayer's Bearden Stained Glass artisans David Strouse and Randy Rayer. The windows can also be seen on line at the Resurrection web site: www.rxluth.com

Reports are that sunlight coming through the west windows in the afternoon creates an effect that is breathtaking.



New Bible Study Beginning

Mark was the first to assemble the various stories that were being told about Jesus and to compose a document that he called "gospel." It was a time when Christians were experiencing challenges, if not outright persecution, and Mark had to tell the story of Jesus in a way that spoke to the people's situation.

Join Women of ELCA as they begin a nine-session study of the Gospel of Mark at their September meeting. All materials will be provided. This Bible study is especially timely as gospel readings for the church year beginning in Advent will be from Mark.



WELCA meets the second Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. at the church. Join the group for fellowship, Bible study, and a light lunch. All women of the congregation are welcome and bring a friend.

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It's Pandamania - Vacation Bible School



Resurrection kids & friends, ages 2 yrs - 5th grade are having fun this week, July 25 -29 at VBS.

The entire church has been transformed into a jungle with pandas, bamboo, trees & kids everywhere! The photos were taken at the Haysville July 4th parade as we invited the community to our Panamania! On July 31st, VBS Team with Youth Ministries Team will conduct our worship service.

**It's not too late!
Come join in the Pandamania!!**

Summertime Scripture Saints



By Ruth Albertin

As we did several years ago during summer worship services, Resurrection again this year chose to hear a short temple talk each week from one of our members, the 'Scripture Saint' of the week. As the name implies, the subject matter is a favorite Bible verse followed by an explanation. The talks have been interesting, inspiring and heartwarming, drawing our church family ever closer in faith and understanding. The Scripture Saint is chosen each week, for the following week, from names previously dropped into a coffee can. There is always a moment of tense excitement as the next Scripture Saint's name is drawn and announced. The saints who have shared their favorite Bible verses thus far this summer are:

- Tim Meyer..... Proverbs 3:5-6
- Bert Kirkpatrick.....Isaiah 1:18
- Gerald YoachumAmos 7:8
- Robert NunnJohn 14:6
- John Larsen Mathew 6:25-27
- Barry Schroeder 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18
- Clark Sholts Psalms 23:4
- Evelyn Clark Titus 3:4
- Lyndsey Williams is our next saint

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Wichita is "4th holiest"!



Did you know that Wichita was named the 4th holiest city in America by *Men's Health Magazine*, according to GoWichita!? The criteria were places of worship per capita, a tally of religious organizations and the number of volunteers who support these groups, the amount of money donated to religious and spent on religious books. Discovered by our Global Mission Gathering planners.



I would truly like to thank the prayer group and the congregation of Resurrection Lutheran Church for all your many prayers and kind thoughts. It meant the world to us!! As we traveled to Mayo clinic we not only felt the love of God going with us but the strength of the whole church wrapping their arms around us.

Thank you again and God's peace be with you all.
Love, Vicki Larsen

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Prayer & Care Team

The Prayer and Care Team is made up of 14 faithful members. Three to six members meet each Wednesday morning for prayer. Those not able to be present receive the revised list each week. The numerous prayer requests received from Resurrection and far beyond are organized in an outline and many, many prayers have been answered, including some cancer cures. Prayers of thanksgiving are the favorite category!

The 'Care' aspect of our group was evident recently with immediate aid sent to victims of the Joplin tornado. At Pastor Farenthold's suggestion, we purchased ten backpacks and filled them with first aid and personal hygiene items then delivered them to Catholic Charities for an expedited delivery to Joplin. Thanks to Jeanette Westerhaus for serious, timely shopping.

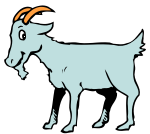
Another caring opportunity involved a family being unable to pay a cremation fee, and so could not obtain a loved one's ashes. In the memorial service the pastor outlined the need, the family's payment plan, a donation and asked an offering which still did not satisfy the fee. Later I spoke with the pastor, and through Resurrection's Care, offered and we were able to finish out the payment. I made mention to him that the Holy Spirit was in action prompting him to ask an offering and placing me there to take care of it on behalf of our church.

Those are just two of the ways in which our church has reached out to the community when needed. Our own members have needed assistance from time to time and we have not neglected them. Peace and joy to you all!

Love in Christ Jesus, Bert Kirkpatrick, Prayer & Care Team

Children Give to God's Global Barnyard

We are proud of our generous Sunday School! Resurrection Sunday School recognized the ELCA 'God's Global Barnyard' project, which provides various barnyard animals to needy families for food and also income. The Sunday School classes emptied their barnyard banks and divided their offerings which had been in a savings account for some time. Their gift totaled \$855.00! Sunday, May 22nd was the big day, as Sunday School children selected the animals they wanted to give to the needy children of the world. Each class was allotted a portion of the funds and given a list of possible animals to choose as their gifts. Serious thought was given to getting the most for their money and the result was:



5 goats



7 pigs



10 ducks



90 chickens



and a lamb!

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Finance Committee

The finance committee is happy to report that the audit of the 2010 books and records of Resurrection Lutheran Church is complete, accurate and in order. As part of the audit, the committee verified the general ledger balances and is appropriately reconciled to their underlying assets; liabilities are paid in a timely and accurate manner.

Resurrection Joins With Episcopal Social Services

Resurrection frequently joins Episcopal Social Services in reaching out to many in need. You can locate ESS Venture House at 1005 E. 2nd St N. in Wichita. There are openings for volunteers to help in several programs being offered: Money Management, Teen Intervention, Youth Anger Control, Food Outreach, and the Employment Center. Tours of their Venture House, with even a light lunch, are offered on August 9th and 23rd. Call 269-4160 to reserve a spot.

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Resurrection Reaches Out



Evelyn Clark of Resurrection is seen presenting a check for \$800 to Marion Renner, treasurer of the Haysville Community Outreach

program. The HCO maintains a pantry with non-perishable foods for local families. Resurrection also collects goods for HCO each Sunday when children from the congregation wheel the 'Little Red Wagon' through the aisles during the receiving of the offering.

Resurrection also gave \$800 to the Wichita Episcopal Social Services. In 2010 ESS helped 1500+ unemployed people, 300 clients with mental illness, 400 at-risk youth and served 24,893 hot lunches. The funds were Lenten offerings and matching money through Thrivent for Lutherans.

In lieu of Easter lilies this year, Resurrection offered honoraria and memorials of over \$400 to the ELCA Good Gifts program. Our national ELCA Bishop, Rev. Mark Hanson, acknowledged our gifts with thanks and told us they were distributed to aid programs in agricultural development, World Hunger, God's Global Barnyard and the ELCA Malaria Campaign.

This month WELCA gave an additional \$100 to the ELCA Malaria Campaign which provides mosquito netting for malaria prevention.

Spot Light on: Robert Nunn



Who's that? If you think you haven't seen Robert in Sunday worship much, you would be right! Captain Nunn is a pilot for Southwest Airlines and is perhaps closer to God on most Sundays as he flies. Missing Sunday worship led Robert to organize and now oversee each 2nd Wednesday mid-week communion service. He was elected to church council this year. Robert is a person with many interests, pursuing them with energy.

Robert, eldest with 2 sisters, was born in Lincoln, KS – a city of over 1000 folks on a paved road, but lived then in Vesper, KS – on an unpaved road, population: 62. He has fond childhood memories of helping his Grampa and Dad on their farm raising pigs, driving tractor. Robert's Dad and grandparents are buried in the Vesper Cemetery, "Where I'll probably be laid to rest, it's a peaceful place." At age 10, the family moved to Lincoln. Robert still worked on farms and drove tractors, but in the big town, he also shined shoes in

the barbershop, cleaned the movie theater and at age 14 was promoted to projection operator. Fond memories include a pharmacy with a soda fountain, reading comics with a malt or float. Sometimes as a treat, he still drops cashew nuts into a soda to create a chewy drink. On weekends he helped in the gas station where he worked on cars, soon realizing a gift of mechanical know-how. He also worked for the Lincoln Co. Hwy. Dept. driving trucks and heavy equipment. Now, asked about a hobby, Robert named cars, classic cars, most especially '70 –'73 Camaros.

In Lincoln, the Nunn family attended the Presbyterian Church and later Robert was confirmed at St Paul Lutheran Church. Despite having enough credits to graduate High School early, his principal said he 'was not college material'. Being a determined person, Robert graduated from then Kansas Technical Institute with a degree in civil engineering, "Don't know how I did that, I struggle with math!" In 1980, he came to work at the Sedgwick Co. Public Works Dept. At a social club in Wichita, he met a beautiful girl named Vicki whom he married 2 years later. Interested in body building, in 1985, Robert won the title "Mr. Wichita"!

When did flying an airplane become an interest? Thinking back, Robert said, "Maybe I was always meant to fly. As a kid, I always loved to climb trees. Once I dove off a building wearing the Super Man costume that my mom made for me." Resurrection is happy that God saved him! In '87 Robert took flying lessons with the Salina Flying club, moving quickly through the ratings to become a flight instructor. In '89 he flew commuter routes for Mesa, and joined Southwest Airlines in '96 where he has served as captain for 10 years. He says he has no fears as pilot, "It's too busy during an emergency. I might worry afterward."

Robert & Vicki have been married 25 years, have two sons, Robby and Nick and a dog, Max. He does BBQ and most enjoys steak and corn on the cob. He would like to live out in the country, and travel to see more closely the beautiful land he sees from 30,000 feet. When he reads its mostly work related or car stuff. The exception is daily scripture reading. Looking to the future, Robert incorporates his favorite Bible verse, John 14:6 *"I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."* He trusts God to take him where he should be. He trusts that as a parent he has guided his sons to help others and let God lead them. In his hopes and dreams Robert would like to see the church expand and be able to finance it.

BEYOND RESURRECTION

Central States Synod Assembly

Resurrection is part of the Central States Synod, made up of ELCA churches in KS & MO. This annual assembly was held in KS City, June 3-5. Numbers of voting delegates from each church are determined by church membership.



We could and did send our Interim Pastor, Larry Cross and voting delegates: Clark & Noreen Sholts plus a youth delegate: Colin Frickey.

Although we could have participated in either of two



mission projects, we attended two thought provoking workshops. Reverend Dr. Michael Peck of Holy Cross Lutheran in Overland Park spoke about cultural trends and challenged us to offer more compelling invitations to

worship and service. Pr. Roger Gustafson of Advent Lutheran in Olathe, KS encouraged us to listen to God and live our gifts.

Bishop Gerald Mansholt opened the Assembly with a Eucharist Service in which a special guest and speaker, Bishop Dean



Wolfe of the Episcopal Diocese of KS participated. Bishop Mansholt referred to his written report, but spoke earnestly of his visit to Joplin, Mo and the destruction of Peace Lutheran Church there. The altar cross had been pieced together from lumber salvaged from Peace church. Their pastor spoke, and a special offering was received and combined



with a matching amount from Thrivent Financial.

Pastor Rolf Jacobson of Luther Seminary led a rousing Bible study and familiar as well as original songs with his musical group, The Flesh Pots.



There were display booths representing many church groups and affiliates, a tasty, well stocked and attended hospitality room, a secluded prayer room, and a fair trade booth with great gift choices. The official business of this assembly was routine, but meeting other concerned and dedicated Lutherans was a precious opportunity. Singing hymns with 131 Lutheran pastors was some of the best and most memorable moments of the entire weekend. Should you have the opportunity to attend a synod assembly, don't hesitate.....GO!

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Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission



Do you know about Rock Point, Arizona? This is a place of extreme poverty and need. With our help the mission is able to improve the Navajo people's health, education and general living conditions. There are now two schools on the reservation: a charter school operated and funded by Arizona and a Mission School which provides religious education, social and physical activities at their House of Prayer. Here there are many conversations and learning about aspects of Navajo traditions, how we can come together as a community of faith as we worship the same God.

Most welcome and appreciated contributions can be mailed to:

Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission
P. O. Box 354 – One Mission Lane
Rock Point, AZ 86545-0354

HEARTFELT THANK YOU

Thank You Pastor Cross & Tim Meyer

With our farewell wishes, Resurrection offers many deep and heartfelt thank yous, Pastor Cross and Tim Meyer. We are grateful for the times you have spent with us. Thank you for sharing your faith and your joy; as you gave to us, we did indeed grow. We are blessed by your shared gifts. As we all are on our ways rejoicing, we are ever stronger able to live the faith and keep our ducks in a row! God bless you! Lift high the cross!

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Pastor Larry Cross Reflects

I have had the wonderful privilege to spend the past ten months with the fine people of Resurrection Lutheran Church. It has been such a joy and inspiration to come to know several of you on a personal level. We have celebrated God's presence among us in Word and Sacrament each Sunday and on other occasions. I also value those special times I have been your pastor as we gathered for weddings, funerals, baptisms and confirmations.



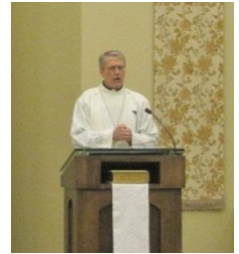
My heartfelt thanks as I conclude my interim with you. You are a very caring congregation and dedicated to the Lord's work. You will have a fine young pastor in Elizabeth Cummings and I know you will love and support her as you have done for me. She is fortunate to begin her ministry at Resurrection.

I have been asked, "What will you do next?" Well, no more interims are planned! It will be good to see the other side of the pulpit again, enjoy time with family, friends, yard and garden, plus Lion's Club, Chisholm Trails Seniors, etc. Janice and I will be able to spend more time together. I will also probably be asked to do some pulpit supply at local churches now and then.

Thanks for a great ten months! God Bless you all, Pastor Larry Cross, Interim

Seminararian Tim Meyer Reflects

Wow – what an opportunity. Both to be among you for almost 3 years(!) and to be asked to give a word or two. (you should know better by now than to ask for "a word or two" – it will turn into a lot more than that!!)



Two of the questions that the Imaging Committee asked were "what did I like," and "what did I hate?" That second question doesn't have an answer, except that I hated missing out on the day-to-day goings on, and that I had time commitments that kept me from getting to know all of you better.

Trying to lay out what I've loved about my time with you is hard to nail down as well, but for the opposite reason. But I'll try to give just a handful of the many joys that come to mind.

Most of my time with you has been on Sunday mornings – for reasons I've already grouched about. But what experiences those Sundays have offered!! It's been varied to say the least – and I think very full. That there are differences among Pr. Leaf, Pr. Hallstrom, and Pr. Cross is pretty apparent, but each of them has had very important pieces bits of wisdom and understanding to pass along, and has encouraged different experiences with you. While I'm deeply grateful for having been able to get to know each of them and watch them be with you, the key to the persistent joy has been the tangible presence of Christ among all the saints at Resurrection.

Helping with worship Sunday mornings has given me two really important "moments" week in and week out. In some ways I regret having taken the position from you all – being the one to set the table for Communion and then to offer the Cup, (it's *really important* that *you* do this in the service as well). The communion "moments" come when I lift the cover from the poured wine and then fill the chalice. Worship is a whole-body experience. We see, hear, touch, smell, taste. The sweet smell of the sacramental wine has become a bit of an entry into deeper worship. Christ is present, and is feeding us.

HEARTFELT THANK YOU

A big surprise has been how the time with the younger crowd became such a special moment during worship. It still takes a bit of a stretch for me to get the Children's Sermon to fit the concrete ways that they learn, by seeing and doing, and not just hearing. They have stretched me and helped me to see myself and the whole community at RxLuth in new ways.

A similar surprise came with the First Bible classes. Parents (and maybe particularly Loretta!) were patient, supportive during that time, and I think that the Spirit planted strong faith seeds in all who were there. We got to know each other well, got to get excited about God being with us in the Word, and had a really good time. That was another stretch that will serve me well.

What I'm most "bummed" about is that I'll miss the new Sunday education sessions that will start up again in the fall. I'd been planning to walk with you through The Lutheran Course – a curriculum that could stretch out for 3 months that goes into some practical discussions about "being Lutheran" (which I think is the same as "being Christ in the world").

One reason I was so worked up about going through The Lutheran Course with you is that the Saints at Resurrection Lutheran Church have a gift for living and working with each other in spite of differences. You harbor unique combinations of traditional and non-traditional ways of living; of conservative and liberal politics; you hold together a healthy crowd of the very young, the teens and emerging adults, young families, middle-ages, and the seasoned. And you hold these differences in tension in a way that shows your love for Christ, love for God's people, and for each other. That, I think, is the special gift that you will give to Pr. Elizabeth and Rory.

Okay – I can't help but offer a little exhortation here. I'm convinced, and I hope that you become convinced, that God is served best (and you, the Body of Christ are healthiest) when you get really deep into the Word. The challenge I'll throw down is for everyone to get involved in two (yeah, I know – who has the time??) Bible Studies; one that includes your peers (like "Bad Girls of the Bible," perhaps focusing on another gender or on the

patriarchs, the upstarts, etc.) and one that includes a diverse crowd of people, that crosses some boundaries, mixing up young and old, married and single, etc. As you get lost in the Word with your sisters and brothers in Christ, you will deepen your understanding of what it means to *Live the Faith*, and it will drive you to reach even farther outside the doors Resurrection to others, and to *Lift High the Cross*.

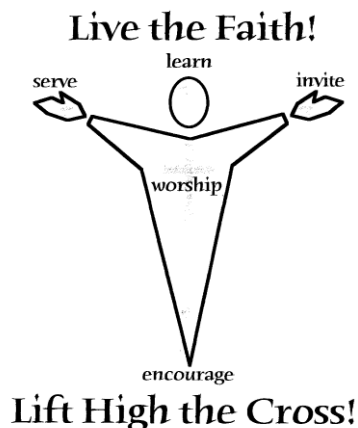
Thank you all for the support, understanding, and the many gifts of grace. Donna, Jessie, and I will keep you in our prayers. May God's richest blessings be with you and Pastor Cummings, and on the time that you will spend serving God and each other.

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Christian Thoughts of the Day

- I ask not for a lighter burden, but for broader shoulders. - *Jewish Proverb*
- I keep the telephone of my mind open to peace, harmony, health, love and abundance. Then, whenever doubt, anxiety or fear try to call me, they keep getting a busy signal and soon they'll forget my number. - *Edith Armstrong*
- The first and worst of all frauds is to cheat oneself. - *Gamaliel Bailey*
- Failure to prepare is preparing to fail. - *Benjamin Franklin*
- If all our misfortunes were laid in one common heap whence everyone must take an equal portion, most people would be contented to take their own. - *Socrates*
- I know not with what weapons World War III will be fought, but World War IV will be fought with sticks and stones. - *Albert Einstein*
- Worrying is like a rocking chair, it gives you something to do, but it gets you nowhere. - *Glenn Turner*
- Serenity is not freedom from the storm, but peace amid the storm. - *Author Unknown*
- There is no pillow so soft as a clear conscience. - *French proverb*

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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.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM
SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM
MIDWEEK WORSHIP 7:00 PM

(second Wednesday of the month)