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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!

Pastor's Ponderings

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am so excited to be here among you as your pastor. I look forward to the opportunity of getting to know you better and walking beside you in your different faith journeys. Thank you for welcoming Rory and me into your faith family. We know that our transition to Kansas life has been made that much easier because of you.

I am energized by the various types of ministries you have here and the way that you work to be involved in the community. I can see that you take your baptismal calling seriously and are constantly working to do God's Work. Constantly working to Live the Faith and Lift High the Cross!

As we approach the season of Advent, we will have the opportunity to focus on the theme of preparation. Our worship service will change slightly to help us better reflect on how we are preparing ourselves and as a church for the birth of our Savior.

Over the next few months we will join with Haysville Community Outreach to help prepare Thanksgiving and Christmas boxes for our neighbors. I look forward to seeing how our church is going to grow in the future and am thrilled that we get to journey this path together.

Peace and Blessings, Pastor Elizabeth

Third Annual Last Soup Supper



Property Committee sponsored their 'Third Annual Last Soup Supper on Saturday, October 22nd and it was a big success with almost double the turnout over previous 'last suppers'!! The menu offers a choice of five homemade soups, relishes and homemade pie, plus a beverage......YUM! This committee works very long and hard to arrange the publicity, seek food donations and raffle prizes, and sell raffle tickets. They set up, shop, cook and serve the supper. Following is clean-up and finally, the leftover soup sale on Sunday. What was different and better this year? Publicity was expanded with newspaper ads, moving bill board ads, flyers handed out during the Haysville Festival Parade.

Proceeds from this Third Last Soup Supper will be used for various projects around and about the church. What might that be, a new church sign or brick for the sides and back of our building?

Resurrection's largest committee, Property, is a hardworking, fun, can-do group which likely has room for you to join them, first Wednesdays, following ACT Night Dinner.



Confirmation of Baptism



On Resurrection Day, October 30, 2011, Roza Kim Atcheson was confirmed as a voting member of Resurrection Lutheran Church by Pastor

Elizabeth Cummings.

Present as Roza confirmed her baptismal vows were her parents, Lisa and Kris Atcheson, her sisters, Emma (short stuff!) and Marriah.



When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." ~ John 8:12

Children of God, Marked with the Cross of Christ Forever!

Our Resurrection family celebrates the baptism of two infants.



On May 8th, Pastor Larry Cross baptized Adam Deutscher, pictured with his parents, Darrin & Deanna and sister, Zoe.

October 2nd, Pastor

Elizabeth Cummings baptized Bryce Christiansen,

assisted by Bayley Williams, acolyte. Parents, Brian & Nikki with Bryce's sisters, Brynna and Brylie looking on.



St Francis Animal Blessing



During a brief respite from treasured rain showers on October 8th, Resurrection folks gathered on the church's front lawn with their animals: live, stuffed and pictured. Pastor Elizabeth

led the service for blessing of the animals. During the gathering the animals were inquisitive, 'talkative' and well mannered. When the service began, there was silence and concentration. All were amazed as God's

creatures displayed respect and attention to the service of blessing. Pastor Elizabeth blessed one stuffed bear, three horses (one in photo), and eight dogs. We give thanks for all God's creatures.





And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. -Genesis 1:24

(and Pooh Bears too...)

WOMEN of the ELCA Central States Synodical Convention

Great Bend, KS was the site for the Women of the ELCA Central States Synodical Convention held September 23-25.



Six women from Resurrection attended: Candyce Saxton, Noreen Sholts, Loretta Holmes, Evelyn Clark, Ruth Albertin and Betty Batten.

The theme for the gathering was, 'REJOICE', taken from the convention's Bible verse found in Philippians 4:4-5 "Rejoice in the Lord Always".

Rejoicing at the convention was apparent in many scheduled and planned ways, through Bible studies, service & craft projects, workshops, choosing a prayer partner, a silent auction on donated, themed baskets, delicious, bountiful meals, and speakers, including: Pastor Rosalind Braithwaite, from the church wide WELCA board, our Bishop Gerald Mansholt, and a local Methodist pastor, Rev. Barbara McClain.

Other more spontaneous, spur-of-the-moment rejoicing activities included a visit to the local winery---they have a tasting room---shopping (of course!), millinery skills as we constructed hats, and biggest surprise of all, an intimate breakfast with our Bishop---table for seven, where we learned he had just come from a first visit to meet a newborn, his third granddaughter in Michigan!

This was a fun and informative weekend. Plan to attend the next Women of the ELCA Convention.

Resurrection's Bad Girls

By Vicki Sample



Are you in search of some fun-filled quality learning time? If so, then please join us, the Bad Girls, for an exciting Bible Study. It is a fast paced - two hour learning

and discussion session when we study the BAD GIRLS OF THE BIBLE. Refreshments are served and we ALWAYS have a FUN time. We are looking forward to meeting and visiting with you. Our next meeting will be held Saturday morning December 10th from 10 a.m. till noon. Please plan to join us, Resurrection's Bad Girls, for our next 'AHA! I didn't know that!' gettogether!

WELCA Bible study

Women of ELCA meetings will be studying the Gospel of Mark through next May.



As our lectionary series

changes with the first Sunday in Advent, November 27, Mark will be the gospel read most Sundays. No Christmas story in the Gospel of Mark! We meet Jesus as he is baptized by John the Baptizer and Mark immediately moves on to tell of Jesus' ministry with the final 6 chapters detailing Jesus' last week.

Come join the group at 10 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month for Bible study and fellowship. All materials are provided, but feel free to bring your Bible for some comparative reading. We meet in Fellowship Hall and all women are invited and most welcome.

INV/ITE

<u>Celebrating Christ in Kansas</u> was the theme of Resurrection's parade float in the Haysville



'Celebrating Kansas 150 Years' Fall Festival Parade held on Oct. 15th. Resurrection's float won first place in the church float category and best float overall. Imaging Team planned and guided the project with 3 goals: proclaim our mission to *LIVE THE FAITH, LIFT HIGH THE CROSS!*,

introduce our new pastor, the Reverend Elizabeth Cummings, and invite Haysville folks to our Third Annual Last Soup Supper.

Twenty folks rode on the float and sang the hymn, 'Lift High the Cross' along the mile long parade route (overheard

from one singer, "That used to be my favorite hymn!"). Four people walked along handing out flyers with an introduction to Pastor Elizabeth and a soup supper invitation; our church banner bearers





led the way and of course, our truck driver. Prior to and following the parade there was much to be accomplished and there were volunteers who gave of their time, effort and planning to construct and take down our float. Over 50 feet of

construction paper was donated for the side banners of the 25 foot long flat bed, borrowed from a church member. A major planning concern was candy to toss. With

the congregation's generosity we had enough, and a little more, candy to toss to kids along the entire parade route, hurray! <u>Thank you</u> to all who participated in this project. We accomplished our goals and had fun together



The annual Fall Bazaar sponsored by WELCA will be held Friday and Saturday, November 11-12 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the church's Fellowship Hall. What a great opportunity to do some Christmas shopping, buy baked goods, and relax with a cup of coffee and lunch. We will be serving cinnamon rolls, soup, sloppy joe sandwiches, and desserts.



You'll find Christmas decor, gift baskets, children's items, crafts, and baked goods. We're also bringing back the popular Granny's Corner, fine linens from the 50s and 60s, and used paperbacks.

Funds raised will go toward grants for our youth to attend summer church camp and for special congregational projects. Mark the dates on your calendars: Friday and Saturday, Nov. 11th and 12th.

CONGRATULATIONS, YMT AND SEVEN PROJECT!!



Have you been hearing about YMT, the Seven Project? *What's that?*

This team is involved with our youth at church and throughout Haysville by joining forces with HYM, the <u>H</u>aysville <u>Y</u>outh Ministers Association. This

group, comprised of Youth Pastors and Youth Leaders in Haysville, states their drive and purpose is to help bring unity to the diverse churches of Haysville and help show our students that although our churches may have different names and distinctions, we are all Christians.

The HYM sponsored the Seven Project. Maybe you remember back in the heat of July, you may have bought "Shares of Stock in the Youth of our Cities, Our Families, and our Churches"? That stock in our youth helped fund the Seven Project. The purpose of the Seven Project, which worked through the schools, is to mobilize students to act out their faith and share it with their friends. The desire is to develop better students, believing that Christians who hold true to Christ, make the best students.

The Seven Project's action plan consisted of a series of 'in school' assemblies in which topics were dealt with on a practical level. These topics were chosen by the school administrations and they received practical, real world solution responses. Assemblies were held for Haysville Middle School, Haysville West Middle School, Haysville's Alternative School and Haysville's Campus High School. In each assembly the entire student body was invited to the evening event held on Oct.26th, where we believe the ultimate solution to our problems and struggles, the Hope of Jesus Christ, was presented. This event was a huge success with over 1000 (ONE THOUSAND) youth attending. WOW!! Congratulations, YMT! Congratulations, Seven Project! Well Done! We are proud of you!

What's next for YMT? Presently they are learning about world hunger, recognizing hunger, its causes and hopes via the <u>Taking Root</u> teaching from ELCA.

COMING IN FEBRUARY is a trip to Topeka for Youth Quest...... be ready to support an upcoming fund raiser to help our youth attend this event.



God Answers Prayer

I know not by what methods rare, But this I know, God answers prayer.

I know that the has given this word, Which tells me prayer is always heard, And will be answered, soon or late; And so I pray, and calmly wait.

I know not if the blessing sought Will come in just the way I thought, But leave my prayers with Him alone,

Whose will is wiser than my own, Assured that He will grant my quest, Or send some answer far more blest. -Anita Johnson

Glocal Mission Gathering



Recently St Paul's Lutheran Church sponsored this mission gathering, an opportunity for global and local ideas and inspiration. From our congregation Rory and

Pastor Elizabeth Cummings, Randy Doll, Evelyn Clark

& Noreen Sholts attended. cultures, their values, worship forms, music, foods were introduced. Relationships, needs and exchanges in various areas were introduced and explored.

Speakers (pictured) came from near: Pastor David

Fulton spoke of St Paul's outreach in Wichita and also spoke of experiences as an Air Force Chaplain.



Pictured with Pr. Elizabeth, a speaker from afar: Pastor Rani Abdulmasih from a Lutheran church in Egypt. Pr. Lowell Michelson, from Reformation in Wichita joined Glocal musicians to present music of varied cultures.

ELCA Malaria Campaign

Malaria is a leading cause of death in Africa. It claims a child's life every 45 seconds. This doesn't have to be. Now there is a global movement of governments and international organizations to end this disease. The 2011 ELCA Church Assembly voted to approve this campaign to help eliminate malaria. Churches, especially the ELCA, already have health care providers in place and can effectively implement programs. One way to help is to supply mosquito netting. Your gift to the ELCA Malaria Campaign is needed: PO Box 7164, Chicago, IL 60694-1764. Watch for more information, & ways to help.



Concepts of varied

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild continues to do it's "thing". We had an acolyte and crucifer training on October 23rd. Three kids participated and are now added to the list of servants to fill this very important role during the



worship service. Additionally, we have used some of our money from various fund raisers to purchase new candle holders that keep the wax contained and off of the floor and chairs, during candle light service. Plans for Advent are in "the works" and will include a cookie/candy sale, since last year's was such a success! The Altar Guild meets the 2nd Monday of every month from 6:30-7:30 pm. We are always looking for committee members. Come check us out!

Recognizing Hunger

In this month of November, with Thanksgiving feasts and family gathering times being planned, we are asked by our ELCA Church to think of others. Think of people in need, near and far.

In his book, *If the World Were a Village*, David J. Smith describes our world as a village of 100 people where 50 people are hungry some or all of the time, 16 people are severely undernourished, and 34



people always have enough to eat. This is a time to recognize hunger right here and far away, then recognize hunger causes

and how we can help.

Locally, you can join Resurrection folks helping to supply dinners and Christmas gifts. In the larger picture, join ELCA's immediate efforts to feed people and with longer term efforts, improve lives through education and with supplies for vocational opportunities and physical health. Gifts sent to ELCA World Hunger, P.O. Box 71764, Chicago, IL 60694-1764 will help.

SPOTLIGHT

Spotlight on: Pastor Elizabeth Cummings



By Roza Kim Atcheson

Some things you should know about our Pastor are that she likes the color blue. She met Rory when he returned home from working with the Army overseas. Rory's mom and dad had moved while he was away so when he came back it was all new to him. He didn't really know anybody so his mom had arranged him to meet up with Pr. Elizabeth and her friends. They got along just fine as you guys can tell.

She has loved horses ever since she was little girl. She even gave lessons to other kids on how to ride horses. I asked what job she wanted when she was younger; her response was a "veterinarian". That sounded about right from what I guessed since she likes animals

a lot.

Now on to some cool and fun things she likes in life. She likes volleyball and even went to a WSU volleyball game. She loves the drink cherry coke especially when its homemade, also coke. I found that great to hear because if she was a Pepsi drinker then I might have a little bit of a problem with her. Now something called a Good Friday night for her is eating pizza and watching a movie like Dirty Dancing or Monsters Inc. Another option is going out to dinner and having lobster then going to see a movie. Her favorite book to read of course is The Holy Bible. A good game for her is Sequence. TV shows she likes are How I Met Your Mother and a few reality shows, Dancing with the Stars, House Hunters and HGTV.

I asked how she felt about how the parade went and she told me it went great and that Noreen was a good informer. Now I am about done with explaining a little bit about Pastor but three words to sum her up in are Caring, Energetic, and Understanding.

Elizabeth Anne Cummings is a native of South Windsor, Connecticut. She graduated from Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania in 2010 and has worked as a Vicar in a church in Burke, Virginia since graduation. She and Rory were married on May 21, 2011. She was ordained by our Central States Synod Bishop Gerald Mansholt on July 17[,] 2011 at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hartford, Connecticut.



A new pastor was visiting in the homes of his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door. Therefore, he took out a business card and wrote "Revelation 3:20" on the back of it and stuck it in the door. When the offering was processed the following Sunday, he found that this card had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message, "Genesis 3:10". Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke up in gales of laughter. Revelation 3:20 begins "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." Genesis 3:10 reads, "I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked."

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

(fourth Wednesday of the month)