



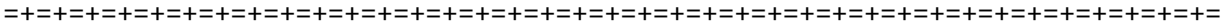
# RESURRECTION REFLECTIONS

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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!**



### Pastor's Ponderings

Brothers and Sisters in Christ;

Did you make any New Year's Resolutions? Are you continuing to maintain them? Whenever I think about a new year, a new beginning, and the resolutions that often times accompany the changing of a calendar year, I am reminded of this verse:

*Create in me a clean heart, O God. And renew a right spirit within me. Psalm 51:10*

While most of us hear these words and envision the offering being brought forward during a Sunday morning worship service, others of us hear this verse and are reminded of the gift of forgiveness. That we are washed clean through the waters of baptism on a daily basis. That we are in fact restored in God's eyes, given the free gift of grace, and forgiven for all our sins.



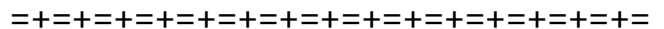
I am excited and energized about 2013. As I think about the people and ministries of Resurrection Lutheran Church, I feel blessed to be journeying through our faith together. I am certain that this year will bring some new and exciting times to the life of our congregation.

- The Church Council will be inviting different ministry teams to their monthly meetings to talk about what they are excited and passionate about this year.
- We also will be offering a First Communion Class in March with children taking their First Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday when we celebrate the Last Supper that Jesus had with his disciples.

- As we look forward to the Season of Lent, we will once again join together for Wednesday Night Soup Suppers and a service of Holden Evening Prayer each week. The offerings from this service will be split between Haysville Community Outreach and Partners for Wichita.
- On Sunday mornings during Lent, we will be collecting personal care items in the Red Wagon for Lutheran World Relief. Please watch the bulletin for what item we will be collecting each week and ways that you can get involved in the life of our congregation.

2013 is going to be a great year!

Peace and Blessings,  
*Pastor Elizabeth*



### Ash Wednesday Worship & Soup Supper

By Evelyn Clark

WELCA (Women of the ELCA) will host their annual Ash Wednesday Soup Supper on February 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Homemade soups and desserts will be served. A free-will offering is asked with the funds designated for scholarships for our youth to attend summer sessions at Camp Tomah Shinga. WELCA gave over \$1000 to 6 youth at attend our church camp last year.



Ash Wednesday worship, a communion service with imposition of ashes, will follow the soup supper at 6:45.

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## 2013 CHURCH COUNCIL



John Larsen – president, Lacey DeWitt, Kay Rodman, Shari Jordan – secretary, Lyndsey Hale, Pastor Elizabeth Cummings, Gerald Yoachum, Robert Nunn – treasurer, Darrin Deutscher – vice president

Council has plans to better appreciate the importance our church committees carry at Resurrection and to establish more communication between council and committees. In an effort to recognize the various church committees, their dedication, ongoing projects and future plans, council will arrange to meet with the leaders of each committee at least once a year.

On Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup> our 2013 church council met for the annual council retreat. Pastor Elizabeth opened the retreat with a brief worship service. The new council elected officers to serve as the executive board. Council responsibilities and obligations were reviewed along with our congregation's direction, needs, hopes and dreams. With prayer and determination, council adopted Resurrection's 2013 emphasis:

### **MOVING FORWARD WITH A POSITIVE ATTITUDE!**



The 2013 council was installed on January 27<sup>th</sup> as part of the Annual Congregational Meeting Part II.

## 'Go to' Lutherans

Need someone to offer the prayer? Need a group to lead the singing? Need someone to serve on a board? Need a recipe to serve 60? Go to the Lutherans at Resurrection.



Being active in the community has always been part of our mission at RLC. Presently, we are the only Haysville church with active membership in the Haysville Chamber of Commerce. Pastor Elizabeth offers the opening prayers at their monthly luncheons. We established our presence with the Chamber by serving their monthly luncheons for several years. Once or twice a year the women's group is asked to serve dinners in our Fellowship Hall for the Friendship Force as they entertain visitors from overseas.

Bert Kirkpatrick leads worship the second Sunday of each month at the Haysville Healthcare Center. Pastor Elizabeth heads up the Haysville Ministerial Alliance. Evelyn Cherry serves on the board of the Haysville Senior Center. Both Clark Sholts and Shari Jordan have served on the Area 5 Ministry council. For over 15 years the choir and members of the congregation have led the singing of carols at the lighting of the community Christmas tree. Our middle and high school youth participate in the Haysville Youth Ministry along with the youth of eight other local congregations. Each month the group, led by Pam Porsch and Loretta Holmes, engages in a mission trip when they prepare and take sack lunches to help feed the homeless at St Paul's Episcopal Church in Wichita. Faithful Resurrection families contribute food items for the Haysville Food Pantry via the 'little red wagon' which is part of our worship offering.

Numerous members serve their communities in various ways without indicating their membership at RLC, but clearly we take our servant roles seriously. Thank you one and all!



## **The Advent Jesse Tree**

Evelyn Clark

It began with an announcement in church to see Loretta if you were interested in making ornaments for an Advent Jesse Tree. Each participant would make 25 of the same ornament. Later 25 people would share their ornaments and we would all have the 25 different ornaments for our Jesse Tree. Since Advent is my favorite season of the liturgical year, this sounded like fun.

The Advent Jesse Tree uses 25 symbols from the Old and New Testament to trace the heritage of Jesus from creation to his birth. We were also able to purchase a devotional book which outlines each day's symbol with devotions for children and adults. So from December 1<sup>st</sup> through December 25<sup>th</sup>, an ornamental symbol is added to one's "tree", and scripture and a reading provide the devotions.

On a Saturday in November we, adults and children, gathered in Fellowship Hall to exchange our ornaments. Some were finely crafted; some were the result of parents and children working together. Stories of trial and error, of projects begun and then redone, oohs and aahs made for a really good time. Wonderful refreshments were also available.

Since I'm one of those who doesn't put up a large Christmas tree anymore because I'm leaving town, the small lighted Jesse Tree is a beautiful addition to my home this year. If you didn't participate this year, or if you did and want to do it again, I hope the opportunity is provided again next year especially if you have children at home. You experience making an ornament, sharing with others, and Bible study and devotions for the Advent season.



*Left:* Tress Vogt, Linda Johnson, Evelyn Clark;  
*Right:* Karolyn Braun, Jan Albertin, Rory Cummings

## **Sunday School Christmas Program**

The Birth of Jesus

On Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, the congregation gathered at Resurrection in anticipation of the story of Jesus' birth told by the Sunday School Children. Directed by Loretta Holmes, and narrated by Jayci Gonzales, Corey Evans, and Victoria Tjaden, the story unfolded. A live nativity scene was displayed by the children, including the Virgin Mary, Joseph, and of course, baby Jesus. Other children dressed in colorful costumes as sheep, angels, and stars, there at the manger to witness Jesus' birth. The three wisemen followed the star of Bethlehem through the congregation to offer their gifts to the King.

Many well-known Christmas carols were sung by both the children and the congregation. Following the program there was plenty of time for pictures and treats in fellowship hall. Thank you to all of the Sunday School teachers who donated their time to help make the Christmas program a success.



### Baptism of Ryder Frickey



On December 2, 2011, family gathered to witness the baptism of Ryder Frickey.

Ryder's parents are Josh & Kristi Frickey, paternal grandparents are Jim & Kim Frickey, Ryder's sponsor is Uncle Colin Frickey. Ryder's siblings include Kaden, Aria, and Axure.



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### Youth Quake/Zone

Youth Quake/Zone will see six youth, Heather Porsch, William Casteel, Roza Atcheson, MyKenzie McKusker, Corey Evans and Victoria Tjaden, head to Topeka for this year's transformational weekend. This year's event theme is "thrive" and is based on Jeremiah 29:11. The weekend will begin with a Celebration Friday evening. Then on Saturday the youth will attend age appropriate workshops, participate in a variety show, have more Celebration and end the day with a Crazy Dress competition. Sunday all attendees will gather for the final Celebration and head back home. This weekend promises to be a fun-filled weekend of worship, learning and Christian music. Thanks to the two adult sponsors Hope Tjaden and Pam Porsch for accompanying our youth to Topeka.



### YMT Activities

The 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders; Ellie Bock, Avery Schill, Derick Krueger, Emma Atcheson, Trey Gonzales, Natasha Braun, Trace Tjaden, Candace DeWitt are not left out of the fun of Youth Quake/Zone. They will be having their own Retreat/Bible Study with Pastor Elizabeth and Rory at the Haysville Sleep Inn on February 8<sup>th</sup>. They will also be studying Jeremiah 29:11, along with some swimming, pizza and snacks. It promises to be a fun educational night!

All 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade youth are encouraged to attend and serve during the weekly Lenten Services beginning on February 13<sup>th</sup>. Youth signed up on FAITH Night for the various worship assistant duties, but if your youth missed the January FAITH Night, have no fear, they can still serve during the Lenten Services. See Loretta to sign-up.

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### Back to School (a while ago)

In August, our youth were invited to the Haysville Youth Ministries (HYM) Back to School event. The youth enjoyed Praise Bands, a Message, games, and the all-important food. September saw Fellowship Hall "transformed" into the 1950s. Several attendees could be found watching *Grease*, while others were outside partaking in lawn games (badminton, volleyball, croquet, horseshoes), and yet others were playing board games. Break time brought the hungry in for 50s food - hamburgers, French fries, root-beer floats and brownies. What a fun evening! In October, the youth met at The Alley and had a great time bowling, driving (or should I say crashing) go-karts and attempting to avoid the lasers in the LaserMaze. A GREAT time was had by all attendees young and old alike! November saw several youth helping out members by raking leaves and cleaning out gutters at their homes. The wind was not their friend these weekends, but what fun did they have! **Thank you** to all the members who hired the youth to dispose of their leaves for them, we appreciate it immensely! December brought the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pre-New Year's Eve Party at the Haysville United Methodist Church which was open to all Haysville area church youth. The HYM paid for a photo booth, which everyone LOVED, there was a message at the beginning of the night's activities complete with a Praise Band, then the youth dispersed to the activities they chose to partake in – be it movies, X-Box, bingo, gym activities, games, or the all-important food, or all of the above. The night ended with a short message and prize drawings – all attendees (50+) went home with a prize! This was a GREAT time!!



**Hungry kids need lunch!  
It's "Filling the Gap Lunches for Kids."**

**Your donation now to Partners for Wichita, received by March 31, will get a 50% match.**



**Contributions designated for "Filling the Gap Lunches for Kids" are needed now. Every dollar becomes \$1.50 to make a bigger difference and reach more children!**

Let's together serve lunch for hungry children and youth during Spring Break. Partners for Wichita invites individuals, congregations, and helping organizations to join with us for good nutrition and good times for weekdays for children at risk of hunger.

**What?** Kid-friendly, prepared box lunches plus other goodies for children and youth age 18 and younger.

**When?** Thursday, March 14 – Friday, March 22 - for 7 weekdays when school is out and children need nutrition – at 14 locations. (March 18-22 Spring Break in Oaklawn and St. Anne's School.)

**Why?** When school is out, more children go hungry. Children need our caring and nutrition to have the health and energy for learning and growing. We care for our children.

**How to help?**

**Make a donation to help cover the meals.** You may donate **through your congregation**; or **mail contributions** designated "Filling the Gap," to Partners for Wichita, 925 N. Waco, Wichita, KS 67203. Donations received by Partners for Wichita on or before March 31, 2013, are eligible for the match. We are partners with Kansas Food Bank.

**Give fresh peelable fruit (oranges, bananas), fruit or pudding cups, fruit "roll-ups," packaged snack bars, and small school supplies.** We expect to serve about 40 children or more each day at most locations, for 7 days plus weekend take-home treats. Please let us know you will help, so we can plan - we will let you know where and when your gifts are most needed.

**Volunteer at lunchtime (11:30 - 1:30) at a center, for a couple days or more.** Lunches will be served noon to 1:00. Partners for Wichita is coordinating information for each site's needs. Contact 263-0810 or e-mail [partnersforwichita@cox.net](mailto:partnersforwichita@cox.net) to schedule your place and days.

**For the children... Thank you!**

This challenge grant is from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, to be used community-wide by Partners for Wichita. Partners for Wichita is an interdenominational not-for-profit organization. The mission of Partners for Wichita is the pursuit of peace and well-being in the Wichita-area community through the formation of partnerships with individuals, faith communities, agencies, and helping organizations.

Partners for Wichita, 925 N. Waco, Wichita, KS 67203; 316.263.0810; [partnersforwichita@cox.net](mailto:partnersforwichita@cox.net).

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The month of March will see Acolyte and Crucifer Training being conducted for anyone wishing to add this service to their resume. Training will be March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10am.

1st Communion Class will be held March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10am. If you have a child who wished to partake of the bread and wine during communion, see Loretta or Pastor to get signed up.

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**Welcome Ministry Team**

By Clark Sholts

WELCOME, definition: (noun) active greeting of someone's arrival.



Believe it or not, even though you may not (yet) be listed as an official member of the Welcome Team, *all Resurrection members* are a very vital part of the welcome experience of our visitors.

Our Welcome Team was re-activated in April, 2012, and has developed a number of 'tools' to help everyone to better welcome and assist visitors. There are updated welcome packets as well as a new welcome flyer available in the narthex, visitor information cards have been placed in sanctuary chair back pockets.

Wear your best smile to introduce yourself and your family to our visitors. Ask them to sign the narthex guest book, offer new visitors a Resurrection pen or coffee mug. Engage them in conversation to make a connection and assist them as they learn their way about our church and the worship service. It is always surprising how many commonalities result from a short conversation.

Thank you one and all for helping to make Resurrection Lutheran a friendly, welcoming Christian church where all can worship and learn.

## **\*\*INVITE\*\***

### **Remember Those Serving In Our Military Forces**

Following is a list of people actively serving our country which Prayer & Care Team remembers in prayer. The list includes Resurrection members as well as friends and family of our members. We invite you to send them cards with notes of encouragement and appreciation for their service for us and our country.



Lisa Johnson, niece of Anita & Bob Johnson  
281 Verano Drive, Kyle TX 78640

Caleb Klusener, Resurrection member  
8925 Woodside St. Haysville, KS 67060  
Waiting deployment scheduled this spring.

Mark Batten, church member, Brent & Betty's son  
324 W Fourth St. Clearwater, KS 67026  
Home after 2 ½ months service in Qatar.

Michael Dawson, Gerald Yoachum's nephew  
HHB 1-43 ADA, APOAE 09309, United States  
On one month leave from duty in Qatar

Josh Bruner, friend of Westerhaus family.  
6400 N.W. Expressway Apt 1013  
Oklahoma, OK 73132

When you are sending items to those serving our country in the military services there are few things to remember:

1. The military is allowed to restrict the mail one gets in combat. Mostly to prevent offending the host country. For example, even Maxim or Cosmo or other magazines can be offensive, so they are not allowed.

2. Depending on where they are stationed, the host country frequently opens the mail for customs inspections. There could be issues arising from religious symbols or discussions. Likely it would just be confiscated, but worse case they could get in trouble with their chain of command. Best case it could get them sent home early!! Though, they would probably have to find a new job if they get sent home early, so that might not be best case.

### **YMT Chili Cook-Off & Dessert Auction**



Event sponsors & youth workers: Victoria Tjaden, Loretta Holmes, Ashley Porsch, Corey Evans, Roza Atcheson, William Casteel, MyKenzie McKusker, Heather Porsch, Pam Porsch.

RLC members and friends gathered January 26<sup>th</sup> to help fund 6-12 grade youth attending the Youth Quake/Zone on Feb. 8-10 in Topeka as well as 3-5 grade youth attending the Retreat/Bible Study at the Haysville Sleep Inn.

Thirteen masterpiece chili entrees were judged by the attendees. Having consumed a test sample of ALL the chilies and casting a vote for their favorite, attendees enjoyed a bowlful of their choice chili- maybe the winner!



After consuming the wonder chili - look, see - Rick Clements auctioned desserts!

The evening concluded as prize winners were announced: Grand Chili Chef in her prize

chef's hat and #1 apron is Linda Johnson, pictured with Pastor Elizabeth. Second place chili chef is Lisa Atcheson, third place chili chef is Lyndsey Hale.



All who attended had a tasty and wonderful time of fellowship supporting our youth.

### **All Saints Birthday Celebration and Bingo**

To support youth projects, Resurrection Youth held their First Annual All Saints Birthday Celebration and Bingo. There were 12 beautifully decorated cakes, one for each month, of course. Guests could choose from one or all twelve cakes as they desired!

After the cake and ice cream feast, guests could purchase Bingo cards. Each of ten Bingo games had five winners! The table of prizes was as beautiful and heavily laden as the cake table.



Loretta Holmes calls Bingo numbers with help from Donovan Braun and Pam Porsch.



Every Game had 5 winners! - The Bingo Prize Table



A birthday cake for each month, choose from one or all!

*Left:* Heather Porsch, Emma & Roza Atcheson, Candy Saxton; *Right:* Evelyn Clark, Erik Braun, Loretta Holmes, Lisa Atcheson

### **Property Committee Doings**

By Jeanette Westerhaus

Property committee is about the biggest and busiest committee at RLC. Even so, Darrin Deutscher has made an appeal for more folks to join this fun loving crew and either Darrin or Jeanette Westerhaus will gladly sign you up. Occasionally Property plans a work day at church to do fix-up, clean-up, and paint-up when you can join them for that day.

What have they been up to lately? Did you see the trash/BBQ grill enclosure that Don Merserve designed and built? It's looking good!

Participation in Property's fund raisers like the Last Annual Soup Supper help fund the committee projects.



What projects are coming up? On Sunday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> plan to take your Valentine to the Brunch following worship. The menu includes breakfast casseroles, biscuits and gravy, fruit salad and juice--YUM!

Watch for installation of a water filtration and reverse osmosis system. This less visible, less beautiful, yet essential item will eliminate the destructive minerals in our water and help preserve our baptismal font, dish washer and coffee maker. Again Property and WELCA are combining funds for this item.

Spring planting will include replacement of three trees which were drought victims. To better water our plantings, Donna Tibbits has installed a drip system.

Property Committee maintenance eyes have noted floor tile that will need replacing near the kitchen.

A new sign for our church is on the wish list. Until that day, the old sign will be refurbished.

Our Property Committee is indeed busy. Thank you for your support as we work and plan together to keep our church home in good repair.



## Prayer & Care Team Report

By Bert Kirkpatrick, Chairman



I appeared before our church council not long ago to share the Prayer & Care Team's activities. In addition to our active prayers, we are blessed with a fund provided largely by one donor, which enables us to do "street work", as I call it. During my report to council I had forgotten to share the following incident, and now feel it will be of interest to all of you.

Recently I attended a memorial service conducted at a Pentecostal church out west in Wichita. A grandmother of a very poor family had died and her body cremated. During the service, the pastor related that due to financial circumstances, it was only at the last minute that the ashes arrived at the church. It seemed as though the funeral home handling the matter had not been paid. However, timely as God is, an individual had contributed \$100 toward the \$550 charge, the family had signed a note to pay the remainder at \$50 a month, and the ashes were released just in time for the service.

The presiding pastor related these facts during the funeral service. He then stated that he was going to do something that he had never done before, he would ask for a love offering for the family to apply to this debt. And ask he did, an offering was received.

Following the service, I spoke with the pastor and told him I thought my church could help this family. The following day I called to learn that the love offering amounted to \$211. After consulting with our Prayer & Care Team members, it was decided Resurrection would provide funds to the Pentecostal church to meet the remaining \$239 debt with one proviso: the family was not to be informed of the source of the debt balance payment.

What a joy it was to write to that pastor and witness in behalf of our church! I told him I felt the Holy Spirit was in operation because he was prompted to do something he had never done before at a funeral/memorial service and I had been placed there to offer the help of my church. I am thankful to be a part of the Prayer & Care Team in its outreach to the community. God is good!



Several months ago Tysen's Frickey's fiancée, Stephanie, lost a ring Tysen had given her. It had such emotional value that it caused a lot of consternation. They searched everywhere and eventually just gave up. Our team prayed for a month for the restoration

of the ring and then committed the petition. Today Tysen told me they found the ring! When some folded laundry was taken from a closet and separated, *behold the ring*. Such is the power of prayer. Now follow prayers of thanksgiving for answered prayer our favorite type of prayer. :D Moral: God is concerned about the little things that trouble us as well as the major things.

A Resurrection member, Leona Ewert, resides in the Haysville nursing center. Her appetite is good, but she is very hard of hearing and her vision is extremely poor. She attends worship services that I (Bert) conduct and receives communion.

Bert visited another of our members, Olsie Fisher, who is presently residing in an Augusta nursing home. The report is that Olsie is as alert as ever, but feels her progress with physical therapy is awfully slow. If you should like to send Olsie a greeting card, her Augusta address is: Lake Point Augusta, Room #203, 901 Lakepoint Drive, Augusta, KS 67010.

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Pastor Daniel Swenson passed away last Saturday January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013 in Research Hospital after a short illness (flu/pneumonia) surrounded by his sisters and friends. Pastor Swenson served at Resurrection as Sr. Pastor from 1979 through 1989. During that time he married, baptized and confirmed many current members of our church.

To read about Dan's last days, memorial service date and time, and his obituary refer to this Caring-Bridge web site:

<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/danielswenson/journal>

Memorial services for Pastor Dan were held Saturday February 2 at 11:00 a.m. at All Saints Lutheran Church, 421 SW 19th Street, Blue Springs Missouri 64015.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be sent to the Building Fund at All Saints Lutheran or a charity of your choice.

Questions may be directed to the church office at 816-229-3633

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### Kids Reaching Out

Sandwich Saturday is February 23<sup>rd</sup> (this is now a HYM Community Service) and the Haysville area church youth absolutely LOVE this event as much as we do. It is wonderful to see our youth interact with other Christian youth and how caring they are to the homeless. It is heartwarming to the youth leaders and Pastors to see the camaraderie. This event is not limited to our youth, anyone who wishes to experience this outreach is welcome. See Pam or Loretta for more information.

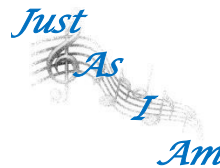
**Spotlight on: Bill & Jo Sorensen**



Bill was born and later baptized at home, the family's youngest with 5 sisters, and 2 brothers. The family lived near Glenwood City which is 54 miles east of St Paul, MN. Bill's father worked at a saw mill and farmed 520 acres, keeping 36 cows. His mother was bedridden with a bad back, unable to ever walk after Bill's birth, so he was 'mothered' and watched mainly by his older sister, Anna Jo. Bill attended a country grade school and a Lutheran church in Glenwood City where he was confirmed. As a staunch, lifelong Lutheran he remarks with a grin, "Is there any other church?" Bill enlisted in the Navy at age 17. He was stationed at Great Lakes and in Florida receiving jet training to maintain planes in 'operational readiness', and was assigned to the aircraft carrier, Roosevelt. After he was discharged from the Navy, Bill worked as a civilian for the Air Force Department of Defense. He served 40 years in government work as a jet engine mechanic, an ES 12 supervisor; in civil service Bill worked in quality assurance areas, a job shopper. He also worked more than 10 years at Hidden Lakes Golf Course which fit well with his passion for golf and sports in general while cheering on 4 sons active in sports. Bill states that he received a pay check every two weeks since he was 17 years old.



Jo relates a family background: both of her Mother's parents emigrated from Norway, her paternal grandfather from Ireland, a great grandfather on her Dad's Mother's side served in the Civil War with the Union Army from Ohio. Jo Clark was born in Prairie Farm, WI, just eight miles from Bill's home. Jo had an older sister & younger brother. Living near the Wisconsin-Minnesota border, her family moved 7 times until Jo's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday and she laughs, "They thought they might lose me." Her birth place, Prairie Farm, WI, is where she was baptized. She attended Sunday School at Trinity, a Norwegian Lutheran Church in Boyceville, WI, and was confirmed at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Glenwood City, WI. Jo recalls as a girl she loved helping her dad at the Phillips 66 Gas station and garage, tinkering, pumping gas and especially rolling under cars on a creeper. After high school, Jo worked in Minneapolis for Honey Well as a file clerk and in purchasing.



Jo & Bill met at a dance in 1953. Jo actually fixed up her boyfriend's buddy (Bill, who was just out of the Navy), with a date to attend a July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration of weekend-long picnics and dancing. The second day of the weekend shindig was Bill & Jo's first date together. They were engaged on December 14<sup>th</sup> and married the following May at Jo's home church, Trinity Lutheran, in Boyceville. They will celebrate their 59<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this May 14<sup>th</sup>.

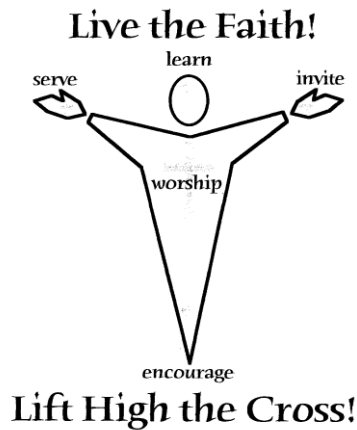
Bill & Jo's first home was near Minneapolis/St Paul in Spring Lake Park, a 2 story house that they rented for \$55 a month. They enjoyed playing cards, especially Euchre and 500, and Jo recalls playing checkers with buttons on a blue and white checkered tablecloth. Over the years Bill travelled with his work and the Sorensens became experienced movers. Home was Mulvane, KS in 1969, later Utah, Colorado, and Kansas again, in Salina. In 1986, they moved back to Mulvane where Bill chose their 4<sup>th</sup> and present Mulvane home. But it seems likely the 16 years in Minnesota, with 18 years in Wisconsin (near the Minnesota border) explain their fan loyalty to the Minnesota Vikings and Twins.

Raising 4 active sons, Jo was a 'stay at home mom'. Presently their married sons all live in or near Mulvane. Their immediate family of 4 sons has grown to include 9 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren, the newest great granddaughter was born December 29th. Jo is the family historian and is quick to tell all the names, birth and wedding dates and present activities. She says with a smile, "I taught our boys never to lie, but now I tell them, lie about your age, I do!" Jo is an avid mystery reader, on a Kindle these days; she also crochets afghans, 'likely 100's if I were to count'. Bill remains an enthusiastic sports fan. They so enjoy their family being close and gathering for pot luck dinners, now around a loong table. Dogs have been a much loved part of the family: a poodle, Wendy, for 17 years, the Yorkie, Shooter, (pictured) and presently a very energetic 3 year old, white Maltese named Mia.

With Bill & Jo's strong Lutheran heritage, wherever they lived they found and joined a Lutheran church, 'even in Salt Lake (1979) with that predominant Mormon community'. Bill names Just As I Am his favorite hymn, Jo's lifelong favorite Bible verse is Psalm 121. Their heart's desire for Resurrection's future is to build and maintain a columbarium in conjunction with the church, making it available to the general community.



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Nursery Supervisor ..... Holly Gonzales  
Music Director ..... Evelyn Clark  
Sexton ..... David & Jessie Cook

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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.**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM**  
**SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00AM**  
**MIDWEEK WORSHIP 7:00 PM**  
*(fourth Wednesday of the month)*