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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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ;

This year as we celebrate the season of Lent, after each Wednesday evening service, members of the



congregation are sent home with an object and a card with thought questions for the week. We are calling this "Lent in a Bag 2015." The idea is to take one night during the week as your family gathers around a meal to share your highs and lows and to reflect on the physical object and thought questions. We have also been putting these questions on the Resurrection Lutheran Church Facebook page.

The congregation will begin hearing more about the ELCA National Youth Gathering that is coming up this July. MyKenzie McKusker, Victoria Tjaden, Brady Helton, and I are getting ready and raising funds to go to Detroit and join with 35,000 of our closest faith friends for this event. We are planning to travel by bus with other Area 5 congregations. We will be attending a Synod retreat at Camp Tomah Shinga in April to do some team building and get to know one

another better. You can help to support our youth by being sure to register your Dillons Plus card on www.dillons.com and select Resurrection Lutheran Church under the community rewards page. You can also support Resurrection by using www.smile.amazon.com and selecting Resurrection Lutheran Church as the charitable organization.

Stay tuned for more fundraisers and ways to support the youth of our congregation. Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Elizabeth

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## **Book & Bake Sale**

The annual Book and Bake sale sponsored by WELCA will begin on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> with the bake sale and the first



chance to pick up great reading material, books, games, puzzles, DVDs, CDs, and magazines.

Begin now to round up your contributions. They may be left at the church after April 26<sup>th</sup>. The book sales will continue through May. No material is priced; you make your selections and then make a donation to WELCA. Funds raised will go toward scholarships for our youth to attend Camp Tomah Shinga this summer.

#### HELLO FROM YOUR COUNCIL

by Robert Nunn, Council President



Front left to right; Pam Porsch, Lisa Atcheson, Shari Jordan

Back left to right: Ray York, Barry Schroeder, Karolyn Braun, Lydia Evans, Pastor Elizabeth, Robert Nunn We are pleased to welcome the newest council members, Lisa Atcheson and Karolyn Braun.

It's a fresh new year and the entire council is looking forward to a very productive year at Resurrection Lutheran. We are only 3 months into this year and things are moving very quickly with our growing church. One of our main goals is to focus on church policies and procedures. We will be reviewing and updating, along with making sure they are documented and available when requested.

Council Liaisons for individual committees or groups have requested a committee review of their duties, responsibilities, mission statements, and a list of current members. The council will be reviewing one committee at each council meeting.

An updated and revised constitution has been completed. The congregation will have an opportunity to review and discuss this prior to voting at the **next Congregation Meeting in April**. Also included will be the annual audit and committee updates. One of the new items in the constitution is the possible addition of a high school youth member added to church council. **Be sure to pick up a copy of the New and Improved Constitution for your reading pleasure.** 

CONGRATS AND THANK YOU for the tremendous response and giving for our church security system! Once again this congregation has come together in support for Resurrection Lutheran  $\sim$  God's Church/OUR Church.

If you have ANY concerns or comments, PLEASE let one of your Council members know.

# **Trivia Night a Fun-filled Event**

Resurrection's Trivia team joined over 200 players and volunteers on a snowy evening on February 28, at First Presbyterian Church, Wichita, for fun and fund-raising for Partners for Wichita. An array of silent auction items, gift baskets, and playing fees brought in \$7000. Lydia Evans put together a beautiful basket for the auction. Pastor Elizabeth assisted at the sign-in table and was on the planning committee. Members of Resurrection's Trivia team were Evelyn Cherry, Rory Cummings, Evelyn Clark, Jim Frickey, Kim Frickey, Kristi Frickey, Troy Hickman, and Marsha Jarbell. Our team finished in the top half of the 30 participating teams.

#### Who's That Lutheran?

Natasha Braun



## **Matching Test**

Match the items below to the Lutherans listed on the right.

(Hint: some people have multiple answers)

- 1. I played 6 man football, 2 yrs undefeated league champs.
- 2. I taught school for a number of years.
- 3. I have met Johnny Cash
- 4. While Skiing, I ended up hanging off side of mountain by a tree root and had to be rescued by passing skier who had a length of rope. I had just started back down mountain and passed ski patrol on their way up, but didn't say a word.
- In my senior year the High School burned down. So I spent my last year in High School, in Elementary School instead.
- 6. I had gold caps on 3 or my front teeth from a hockey incident until I way 17 years old.
- 7. I became a grandmother at age 29, a mother at 36 and a great grandmother at 50.
- 8. I got to have a snowball fight on my birthday in July.
- 9. I repaired ladder on top of 97 ft water tower once.
- 10. I met my second wife at Jury Duty
- 11. I can type 125 words per minute
- 12. I play the clarinet
- 13. I rolled my pickup and lived to tell about it
- 14. I was raised in the country with a big family and I milked cows. I could jump over a 4 foot fence with a bucket of milk.
- 15. I raced stock cars for several years for northern Illinois
- 16. I am totally deaf in my left ear



Tim Frawley
Nancy Haskins
Stanley Hickman
Linda Johnson
Stan Jordan
Don Lawrenz
Lynn Rodman
Jake Stevenson
Aaron Tjaden
Karen Vogt
Joyce Wilson
Alice Yoachum
Keep reading to find the answers.
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#### Things Don't Just Happen Romans 8:28

Things don't just happen to children of God,
They are part of a wonderful plan.
The troubles, reverses, the sorrows, the rod
Are strokes of the great Sculptor's hand.

When some dread accidents strikes you a blow And you restlessly fret and demand,

Why try so hard the mystery to know? It's not just an accident. It's planned.

Have you ever been dropped from a place of power? Do you wonder and reprimand?

Don't rebel, but look to Him in this hour, This didn't just happen, it was planned.

Persecution, tribulation, come down like a storm, Friends disappoint and withstand.

At last, all alone, bewildered, forlorn, You look, and He smiles; this is planned.

Do you wonder why God to affliction shall call And why you must suffer and morn?

No man shall be moved by affliction, says Paul, For you know it is part of the plan.

Did some dear one sicken and finally die?

Did your heart break with anguish and woe?

Did you question your Lord and cry, "My God, why?" Don't question, He planned it just so.

Things don't just happen to children of God The blueprint was made by His hand.

He designed all details to conform to His Son So all things that happen, are planned.

No matter what happens to those called His own, Events that are awful or grand,

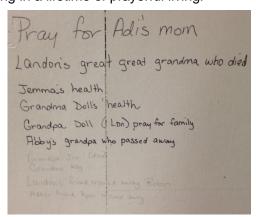
Every trial of your life, He sends from his throne. Things don't just happen. They are planned.

## Teaching "Prayer for Life" Skills

by Lisa Atcheson,  $K-2^{nd}$  grade Sunday School teacher

Church worship service has always been a great place for prayers to be lifted up; at every service Pastor Elizabeth asks the congregation for any special prayers from individuals so that the Church can pray together (maybe we need to take more advantage of this opportunity). Resurrection also has the Prayer Team that prays for any and all needs that are identified. Now Sunday School has added a new component to growing our prayerful living skills. Thanks to Loretta Holmes encouragement, classroom teachers have been instructed to ask their Sunday School children to voice anything they would like to pray about and teachers are to write those prayers on the Sunday School walls. Yes, I said the walls - in PERMANENT marker no less!!! It's ok. Take a deep breath. The prayers are written on the classroom divider walls, not on the permanent walls.

Children can pray for anyone or anything no matter how big or small, for a need or for thanks, just as we adults can...and should. When the closing prayer for class is given each week, the special 'wall' prayers are included. What power there is in this!! First, our children believe and realize that God hears and now sees their prayers. Second, their special prayers are given attention by the whole class, just the same as the prayers lifted up to the congregation or the prayer team. Third, our children get more practice in praying for others and praying out loud (no wrong or rights here). And last but not least, each child will be surrounded by visible proof of our prayers on the walls of the classroom all year long! What a great way to assist our young ones in growing in a lifetime of prayerful living!



## Altar Guild's Annual Easter Breakfast



April 5<sup>th</sup> 8:00 – 9:30 AM Biscuits & Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Fresh Fruit

# Did you ever wonder?

Who prepares for communion with fresh baked bread, launders the altar linens, fills the oil candles, and assists the sacristan and acolyte? Who strips the altar on Good Friday and resets it so beautifully for Easter? It's the Altar Guild! These and a myriad of other tasks and details are how Altar Guild carries out its mission: 'To prepare and adorn God's house for worship'. Current projects include: ordering a new long handled candle lighter, placing new coloring books in the children's pew bags, supplying and preparing the 'Lent in a Bag' items. We have hopes and dreams for establishing a prayer garden; this plan is on hold until water lines are placed. There is the necessity of fund raising and Altar Guild is planning **A Spring Filing** for 2016 with a preview coming in 2015. Very soon, 8 to 9:30 am, April 5<sup>th is</sup> Easter Breakfast.

#### Plan to attend the Easter Breakfast!

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# I Know Not

by Anita Johnson

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.

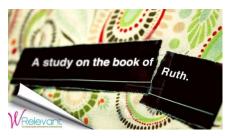
I know not if the blessing sought Will come in just the way I thought, But leave my prayers with flim alone, Whose will is wiser than my own, Assured that the will grant my quest, Or send some answer far more blest.

# **Bible Study Opportunity**

By Vickie Sample

We are welcoming anyone and everyone!! Please come join us in **Bad Girls Bible Study**. Don't let our name fool you -- we would love to have some men in our group. We are beginning a new study of Ruth and her walk with God written by Liz Curtis Higgs, entitled, 'This Girl's Still Got It" Lis Higgs has a unique and compelling writing style which makes stories and people of the Bible relevant to everyday situations and people. She has written some twenty books and Bible studies.

Bad Girls Bible Study is a fun bunch and very informal. Everyone has a great time learning and we always have some fantastic munchies. We meet the second Saturday of each month in Fellowship Hall from 10 a.m. till noon. We are looking forward to seeing you. Please join us for this fun, learning fellowship. You'll be happy you did.



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## **Camp Tomah Shinga**

Again this year, WELCA/Women of ELCA plans to send as many kids as possible for a week at Camp Tomah Shinga . A week now costs \$350 but there's a \$25 discount for registrations received before April 1<sup>st</sup> and a sibling discount for families sending more than one child and they don't have to go during the same week.

NO money needs to be sent with the registrations. With the various discounts, fees could be as little as \$25 per child with WELCA picking up the balance. Camp schedules are available on the east hall shelf. Please, see Evelyn Clark for more details.

#### Power of God

by Anita Johnson
Throw sand upon the flame,
Toss water on the spark...
You cannot keep the light
From shining in the dark.

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## **DVDs for Bible Study**

By Evelyn Clark

"Did Jesus call himself God?" was the title of the lecture I attended February 20 at Plymouth Congregational Church, Wichita. The speaker, Dr Bart Ehrman, is a Professor of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina. His research focuses on the New Testament and the early Christian movement. Several in our adult Bible study groups have used his lecture DVDs and have always been impressed with his knowledge and lecturing skill.

I have purchased several of his DVDs and books for the church and for my own use. If you or a group are interested in using these materials, please, see me. The following are available:

DVDs:

- The New Testament
- Lost Christianities: Christian Scriptures and the Battles over Authentication
- The History of the Bible: The Making of the New Testament Canon

Book:

 Lost Scriptures – Books that Did Not Make it into the New Testament

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#### Sing-Spiration is coming to Haysville.

The Haysville Ministerial Association invites the community to a Palm Sunday (March 29) Sing-Spiration Service hosted by Haysville Christian Church beginning at 6:00 pm. Our own RLC choir will be singing two songs.

## **Youth Ministry Team News**

by Pam Porsch

Youth Zone – January 23 five high school youth – Roza Atcheson, MyKenzie McKusker, Corey Evans, Jayci Gonzales and Victoria Tjaden with Heather Porsch began their weekend of worship in Topeka at the Capital Plaza Hotel. The weekend began with a Celebration worship event with the Central Plains Captive Free Band, Agape (the weekend's featured hip hop Christian musician) and Brian Wallace the speaker for the event. Saturday morning they chose their workshops to attend during the day, as well as Celebration and Campfire to end the evening. Sunday morning was the final Celebration worship service. The weekend is an amazing time and to see how our youth grow in their faith is awesome!



Chili Tasting and Dessert Auction - Thanks to one and all who participated in our annual fun event. The many chili entries were served by the youth and then tried and tested by participants. Kris Atcheson's chili entry was voted number one. Again this year auctioneer, Rick Clements, beguiled and cajoled everyone into bidding for the plentiful and delectable desserts.









#### Youth Ministry Plans

<u>Plant Sale</u> – Thinking about Spring? So are the Youth – they are getting ready to begin their annual plant sale. The sale will take place the first two Sundays in April. They will have annual flowers and vegetables for your gardening pleasure.

<u>Sandwich Saturdays</u> - Resurrection youth will once again be hosting the Sandwich Saturdays. Our first Saturday will be April 25th<sup>th</sup>. Be on the lookout for signups for this event. Our other dates for 2015 will be August 22nd and October 24th. Want to help out with this Community Service project see Loretta or Pam.

<u>Christmas in July and All Saints Birthday Bingo</u> — Come celebrate your birthday with the Saints and have a fun time playing bingo on July 18<sup>th</sup> from 2-5pm. There will be no less than 50 winners at this annual event with a little bit of Christmas in July thrown in. Birthday cake and punch will be provided with popcorn, nachos, and sodas available for purchase.

<u>Everest VBS 2015</u> - VBS will be held June 22-26 from 6-8:30pm. Look for more information and sign-ups.

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# Youth Quake Weekend

By Roza Atcheson

Youth Quake weekend was pretty great and especially memorable for me since this is my last year to participate. Captive Free started us off the first night which then led to Dan our speaker for the weekend. I first thought Dan wasn't going to be as interesting but found out after listening to him for a good 20 minutes he actually had some challenges and glory moments. Hearing him ended up being something really meaningful. We also met a white Christian rapper of the good Lord named Agape. Now that was different and unheard of almost and we really enjoyed him. We got to hear Corey say some cool jokes.

We had the chance to have lunch with Agape and a dinner with two of the guys from Captive Free - pretty special! Of course we had plenty of time for our Bibles and reflection time. All around it was really good experience.

# Happenings at Youth Quake

by Karolyn Braun

The theme for the weekend was "I am Redefined". The theme verse was 1 Timothy 4:12, "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and purity."

Three of our middle school youth, Natasha Braun, Candace DeWitt and Avery Schill along with adult sponsor, Karolyn Braun arrived at the Marriott Hotel in Wichita on Friday night. For Friday night devotions, we had Darius, a member of Captive Free, join us. For the rest of the weekend we heard our guest speaker, Dan Scharnhort, who blessed us with many funny real life stories that helped us redefine ourselves in our lives and out in the world, how very important we are to God and that He has a reason for us being here. We also heard from Agape\*, who is a Christian rap artist. He really got the kids pumped up and excited. There were small break-out sessions where the kids got to go more in depth about the Bible, what it means to be redefined, how Old Testament characters pointed to Christ in either action or heart, and many, many more. For lunch Saturday, Dan joined us and Agape\* joined us for supper Saturday night. Our time ended on Sunday morning after more stories and songs that left us strengthened to go out into our world.



Avery Schill, Candace DeWitt, Natasha Braun

# 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Overnight

by Rory Cummings

On January 30th, the 3rd-5th graders had an overnight at the Sleep Inn in Haysville with Pastor Elizabeth, Rory, and Loretta. The group consisted of Ellie Bock, Donovan Braun, Zoe Deutscher, Aubrey Gill, Elizabeth Tjaden, Carlie Schill, and Emma Atcheson. The evening started with everyone coming together and eating some pizza. Then after dinner, the kids got to go swimming at the indoor pool. Most of the kids would later say that this was one of their highlights of the weekend. After burning off some energy, it was time to change out of their swimming gear and into pajamas, and have our bible study. We used the same theme that the older kids were using at Youth Quake/Zone, which was 1 Timothy 4:12, "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and purity." When we first looked at the verse, the kids thought the best way to be heard was just to shout louder. After some further discussions, the kids understood that the volume of their voice isn't the only way to be heard and offered up some good insight into how to be heard. Following bible study, the children stayed up a little bit but everyone would end up falling asleep by 11 o'clock. Overall, the overnighter was a success and the kids had a great time.

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## **Property Committee Report**

by Rory Cummings

The Property Committee would like to thank everyone who attended our Valentine's Brunch Fundraiser after service on February 15<sup>th</sup>. Everyone was able to enjoy wonderful casseroles, delicious rolls and fruit, and a great time of fellowship. We were able to raise around \$250, which will go towards projects that will continue to maintain our beautiful church. We would also like to thank all of the hard work the committee members did to put on this wonderful breakfast, ranging from setting up to cooking the delicious casseroles. Be on the lookout for the next Property Committee event, which will be our annual spring cleanup.

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## **Greetings from Tommy & Linda Rowe**

We are so thankful that Cape Vincent was spared the problems of Buffalo. We know how it feels to open the door and have snow fall in. One morning we went downstairs to find that the 60 mile per hour winds had deposited snow inside the house in spite of closed doors! No tiny crack was spared from invasion by the white stuff! Buffalo and three other New York towns closer to us than Buffalo are in the top 10 snowiest places in the U. S. Even Cape Vincent has had its share of snow this season.

We took the easy way out this year. Tommy shoveled at least twice a day last winter and had more fun than he knew what to do with, even with the snowblower. This year we rented a place for two months in South Carolina. We haven't escaped the cold, just the snow. It was 29 this morning and there's a 25-30 mile an hour wind so it's pretty brisk. Nothing that Kansans don't deal with almost daily! We have no complaints.

God bless you and all those we love in Haysville. You are in our thoughts and prayers often. Lutherans are few and far between in upper New York and we all are glad to greet one another and sing together a few bars of "This is the Feast of victory for our God!" Next time you guys sing that song at church, remember your brothers and sisters in Christ singing it up here in the North Country!

- Linda and Tommy Rowe

#### Hello from Deadwood, South Dakota!

Well our winter has been pretty nice so far but have been warned by the locals that the spring snows are pretty ferocious! We are thankful that the Boston and northeast snows have missed us mostly. We have experienced the "January Thaw" when it was beautiful 40's to even 70 here. We were even warmer than Haysville some days. It snowed about 6" here the last



two days, but the snow is very light and fluffy, not like the dense heavy snow back home. Rod is out with the "Beast" as we like to call the snowblower. He has really gotten pretty proficient with

it now, as it drug him around the first few times. Pretty comical looking at the fear and amazement in Rod's face as they were getting acquainted. I think God knows when you can't stand one more day of being cooped up in the house, he gives us a reprieve for a week before the snow starts again. We aren't as tough as those northeasterners. Ha Ha

We love it here but miss all of you dearly! We belong to the only Lutheran church in Deadwood which is Missouri Synod, but is not new to us since I was brought up MS and we belonged to Christ Lutheran in Augusta before coming to Haysville. Very small, old, beautiful church with approximately 40 people. Have to get used to men doing most everything!!!! No choir which I miss but still am loud and I have noticed everybody singing louder to drown me out. That will be the day! Going to bible study on Thursday mornings, studying Genesis. Miss all you Bad Girls and all our deep discussions!

Well best close, May the good Lord bless each of you and keep you safe, and know how much you are loved!!!

Our address is 148 Charles St, Deadwood, SD 57732 If you are ever up this way you have a place to stay. Will be back in March for about a week, will see you then.

- Rod and Claudia





by Vicki Nunn

Recently, with the inspiration and organization of Loretta Holmes, Resurrection sponsored a first ever in Haysville Women of Faith Event. Women of Faith is a Christian-based live events organization. Their weekends are for women who want to deepen their faith and explore what faith is all about. It stages non-denominational events across North America. According to the company, its events have been attended by more than four million people in total. OUR local event on a Friday evening and Saturday was attended by 50 ladies with 17 of them from Resurrection. Women from St Paul Lutheran in Wichita, Haysville Christian, First Christian Haysville and Conway Springs also took part. The weekend speakers were Christine Caine, Lisa Harper, Sheila Walsh and Charlotte Gambill who encouraged us with their compelling stories, laugh-out-loud humor, Bible teaching and music.

Comments heard following, "I cannot wait until the next inspirational event!" Well.....Mark September 12<sup>th</sup> and May 12th on your calendar. On September 12<sup>th</sup>, Beth Moore will be speaking at Intrust Arena. Ticket reservations are due by May 12<sup>th</sup>. Contact Vicki Nunn or Roberta Gould for more information.

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## **RLC Rovers Visit Capitol**

The Rovers spent February 11<sup>th</sup> at the State Capitol visiting our representatives, touring the newly renovated building, and attending hearings.



The group included

Clark and Noreen Sholts, Evelyn Cherry, Betty Cattrell, Bruce Cloyd and Evelyn Clark. Congratulations to Bruce for climbing to the top of the dome!

## **Who's That Lutheran Answers**

16. Nancy Haskins

15. Lynn Rodman

14. Alice Yoachum

13. Jake Stevenson

12. Natasha Braun

11. Joyce Wilson

10. Don Lawrenz

9. Stanley Hickmann

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6. Tim Frawley

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I asked God for strength, that I might achieve,

I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.

I asked for help, that I might do greater things,

I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.

I asked for riches, that I might be happy,

I was given poverty, that I might be wise.

I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life,

But I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.

I was given nothing that I asked for,

But everything I had hoped for,

So despite myself, my prayers were answered.

I am among all men most richly blessed.

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# Spotlight on Bruce and Christa Cloyd

Bruce was born in Erie, Pennsylvania, the middle child with 2 older sisters 2 younger brothers. He was baptized and confirmed in a Roman Catholic Church and attended Catholic school through 8th grade. For fun growing up he enjoyed square dancing and swimming at the 'peninsula'. A worker bee, at 12 years of age, Bruce worked as a dishwasher – but being found under-age, he was fired in 2 weeks! Not to be deterred, at 13, weighing 130#, he worked for a hardware firm unloading concrete - shouldering two 80# bags of concrete, 160# each time. Following that job, although his father and sister objected to his working, Bruce worked in a junk yard and became a first rate, self-taught mechanic as he dismantled and re-assembled vehicles. He very much enjoyed this work until he graduated high school and with a desire to fly, joined the Air Force. He chuckles to tell that when he was stationed in Europe, ironically he was transferred by ship and then by train to France for 3 years of service. He also served in



England for 2 ½ years and Germany for 1 ½ years. During 21 years of service in the Air Force, Bruce worked as an electrician, auto pilot technician and yes, he did get to fly on temporary duty assignments in Africa, Thailand, North Korea, Viet Nam. In 1977, Bruce was discharged from the Air Force. He worked for Cessna, then Boeing, in flight and inventory inspection, quality control, work scheduling. At Boeing he worked building Air Force One for 4 years. While working 2 full time jobs, Bruce managed to earn a business degree from Neumann University. In Haysville, he has also served in local government on the planning commission, city council and is long time and present member of the zoning appeals board.



Christa was born in Zollbruecken, Germany, a village now within Poland's border. She never knew her two sisters, as sadly both died in infancy. Christa's childhood was difficult growing up during World War 2 in Nazi Germany. She recalls playing outside with marbles and drawing hopscotch in the sand. In a small village with no paved streets during the wartime there was no money. The family lived in two rooms and had to pump water. She remembers starting school at 7 years of age for 2 hours a day with 'old teachers'. "The regular teachers were all off to war." Christa didn't know what chocolate was, she tasted her first banana at age 10. Christa tells of church services with small groups of Christians meeting in homes to avoid Hitler's detection and the likelihood of being sent to a concentration camp. After the family moved to the town of Peine, they attended an Apostolic Church and Christa was baptized at age 11. In 1945, the Russians came and although many people fled, Christa and

her mother stayed. The country was divided and in June of 1946, they were displaced via boxcar loaded with 40 people. They left with the clothes on their backs, lived in a 4<sup>th</sup> floor apartment measuring 24 meters square and shared a sink and stool (no tub) on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. They stood in line for hours for meager food. Christa's father, back from the war, worked as a shoemaker. However in 1948, when the money changed, he lost his job, and then had to trade his shoe supplies for food. Somehow, in all the turmoil and hardship, Christa attended school for 10 years learning English and French. At age 15 she was a tutor for math and English. In 1954, she graduated from high school hoping to become a teacher. However, due to lack of funds for vocational school, she applied and was hired as an office apprentice for a wholesale parts place in Peine. At age 20, she accepted a job in Hanover, the next year she worked in Hanau.

Bruce and Christa met in Germany through mutual friends and even though he spoke no German, Christa knew 'queen's English'. They wrote letters and communicated somehow for 2 years, then in 1960 were married in Christa's home town of Peine, Germany. While they lived in England neither understood the 'local' English. Their son, Tom was born in England; their first daughter, Tina was born 6 weeks premature in Germany. Returning to the states in 1964, Bruce requested South Carolina, but (lucky for us) was stationed at McConnell in Wichita. On Christmas Eve. in 1964, Christa gave 8 weeks premature birth to Heidi.



Shortly after Heidi's birth, neighbors invited the Cloyd family to Resurrection Lutheran Church in Haysville. It was a very small church then, meeting in a home. There all three children were baptized by Pastor Paul Rowalt. After 10 years of faithful attendance, Bruce and Christa became official members of RLC. "No one asked us"! With gratitude, Bruce and Christa tell that "Heidi was born with Cerebral Palsy, and in order to help her development, Bruce & Christa began a 'Patterning Program' when she was 2 1/2 years old. This required 3 to 5 people every day, 3 times a day to move her head, arms, and legs in a rhythmical pattern. Nearly every woman and young girl in the congregation came to help for about 3 years, in addition to neighbors and friends. We could not have done it without them, we will be forever grateful. This is what Resurrection Church is all about, helping people. Heidi is married, has 2 handsome boys and works part-time in her church office." Through the years, Bruce has served on church council, sung in the choir, and presently is a member of the property committee.

Although she knew 'queen's English' Christa says she learned most of 'American English' living in Haysville. Christa tells that one day a letter came from Wichita State University offering free sociology classes right in Haysville. Following that course, since they had a growing family, she took one course at a time for 13 years to earn a bachelor's degree in sociology with a minor in German plus a master's degree in psychology. For 10 semesters, Christa taught psychology, parenting and German at Butler Community College, McConnell. Beginning in 1984 with incorporation in 1986, Christa has maintained a business selling German clothing and goods. It began with a visit to Austria and bringing back clothing to Haysville. Her business which entailed many visits to Germany, has been located in Wichita and Haysville.

Bruce and Christa recall with sadness the death of their daughter, Tina, relating that Tina was baptized, confirmed, married and buried in 'the old Resurrection on Grand Avenue'. Bruce was instrumental in planning and erecting our memorial cross, a tribute to their daughter, Tina, as well as other member's children who have died. After a 5 month process to obtain permits, he salvaged the old church's cross, cornerstone and bricks — which he cleaned in 100 degree heat - all part of the memorial.

Presently, Bruce and Christa are grandparents of one girl and six boys. Since none of their children or grand-children live in Kansas, family visits provide travel opportunities. Christa and Bruce belong to two German clubs in Kansas City and through the years have been members of folk dance and German clubs in Wichita. They enjoy travel and have many far-flung friendships with people in the Friendship Force, a worldwide travel group which they have hosted in Haysville.



#### Shari Jordan's Chop Suey Cake

2 cups flour 1 20 oz. can crushed pineapple 1 3/4 c. sugar (unsweetened with juice)

1/2 tsp. salt 1 tsp. vanilla 1 tsp. baking soda 2 eggs

1 cup chopped nuts

Mix all dry ingredients. Fold in pineapple with juice, vanilla, eggs and nuts. Mix with spoon and pour into greased 9 X 13 pan. Bake at 350 degrees for about 30-40 minutes or until done. Frost cake while cake is still warm.

Frosting:

8 oz. package cream cheese

1 stick oleo

2 cups powdered sugar

1 tsp. vanilla 2 tbs. milk

Cream all ingredients together with mixer until smooth.

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#### **Easter Story Cookies**

Ingredients

1 cup whole pecans
1 teaspoon vinegar
2 ip lock bag
Wooden spoon
3 egg whites
Pinch salt
1 cup sugar

Tools
Zip lock bag
Wooden spoon
Tape
Your Bible

Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Place pecans in zipper baggie and let children beat them with wooden spoons to break into small pieces. Explain that after Jesus was arrested he was beaten by the Roman soldiers. – Open your Bible and read John 19:1-3

Let each child smell the vinegar. Put 1 teaspoon vinegar into mixing bowl. Explain that when Jesus was thirsty on the cross, he was given vinegar to drink. – Read John 19:28-30

Add egg whites to vinegar. Eggs represent life. Explain that Jesus gave his life to give us life. – Read John 10:10-111

Sprinkle a little salt into each child's hand. Let them taste it and brush the rest into the bowl. Explain that this represents the salty tears shed by Jesus' followers and the bitterness of our own sin. – Read Luke 23:27

So far the ingredients are not very appetizing. Add 1 cup sugar. Explain that the sweetness part of the story is that Jesus died because he loves us. He wants us to know and belong to him. – Read Psalm 34:8 and John 3:16

Beat the mixer on high speed for until stiff peaks are formed – about 10 minutes. Explain that the color white represents the purity in God's eyes of those whose sins have been cleansed by Jesus. – Read Isaiah 1: 18 and John 3:1-3

Fold in broken nuts. Drop by teaspoons onto wax paper-covered cookie sheet. Explain that each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus' body was laid. – Read Matthew 27:57-60

Put the cookie sheet in the oven. Close the door and turn the oven off. Give each child a piece of tape to seal the oven door. Explain that Jesus' tomb was sealed. – Read Matthew 27:65-66

Go to bed. Explain that they may feel sad to leave the cookies in the oven overnight. Jesus' followers were in despair when the tomb was sealed. – Read John 16:20 and 22.

On Easter morning, open the oven and give everyone a cookie. Notice the cracked surface and take a bite. The cookies are hollow! On the first Easter, Jesus' followers were amazed to find the tomb open and empty.