



RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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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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 3rd with the bake sale and the first chance to pick up great reading material, books, games, puzzles, DVDs, CDs, and magazines.



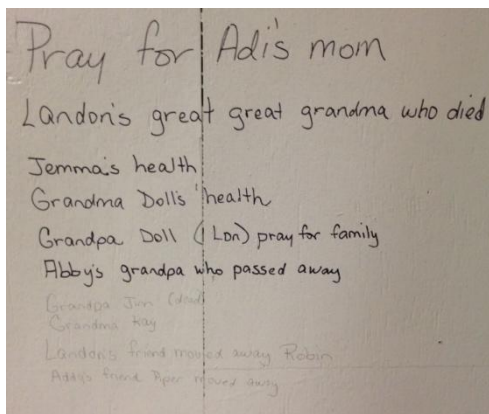
Begin now to round up your contributions. They may be left at the church after April 26th. The book sales will continue through May. No material is priced; you make your selections and then make a donation to WELCA. Funds raised will go toward scholarships for our youth to attend Camp Tomah Shinga this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

Teaching "Prayer for Life" Skills

by Lisa Atcheson, K-2nd 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 5th 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 Fling** for 2016 with a preview coming in 2015. Very soon, 8 to 9:30 am, April 5th is 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 He has given His 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.

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 15th. 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 northerners. 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 12th and May 12th on your calendar. On September 12th, Beth Moore will be speaking at Intrust Arena. Ticket reservations are due by May 12th. Contact Vicki Nunn or Roberta Gould for more information.

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RLC Rovers Visit Capitol

The Rovers spent February 11th 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!

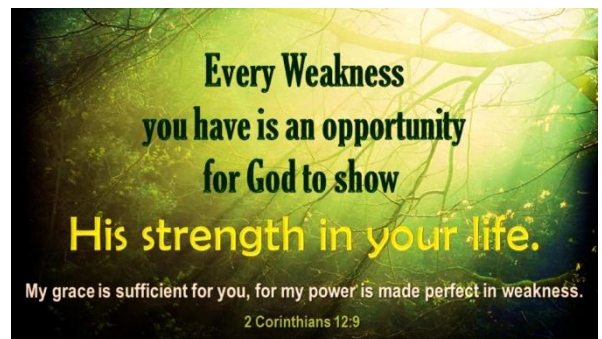
Who's That Lutheran Answers

16. Nancy Haskins
15. Lynn Rodman
14. Alice Yoachim
13. Jake Stevenson
12. Natasha Braun
11. Joyce Wilson
10. Don Lawrenz
9. Stanley Hickmann
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7. Joyce Wilson
6. Tim Frawley
5. Karen Vogt
4. Stan Jordan
3. Aaron Tjaden
2. Don Lawrenz
1. Stanley Hickman

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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 4th floor apartment measuring 24 meters square and shared a sink and stool (no tub) on the 2nd 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.

****SPOTLIGHT****

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 grandchildren 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.

