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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;

It is hard to believe that the end of the year is quickly approaching. As we look forward to 2016, and reflect on 2015, I hope that you will find new and



exciting ways to participate in the life of our church.

Advent begins on November 29 this year and it is the start of a new church year. I hope that you will take this time of preparation during the Advent season as a way to prepare yourselves, your homes, and your hearts for the coming of Christ.

Those working in the Central States Synod office will be intentional about prayer during the season of Advent. Taking 15 minutes each day to be silent, to be in prayer, and to open their hearts and minds to the power of the Holy Spirit. Bishop Gustafson has invited pastors and church workers to be in prayer each day as well.

I now invite you to take on this practice of prayer and meditation during Advent as well. Take 15! Set aside 15 minutes each day to be in conversation with God. This time of prayer can take on many different forms. Some like to pray with a cup of coffee in hand, while others like to journal or color or sit in the silence of their Christmas tree lights while they are praying. Remember there is no "right way" to pray.

During Advent there will be daily posts to the church Facebook page with short devotions. Please look for these. They will be from a variety of sources that will engage us all differently. I look forward to hearing how this intentional time of prayer has helped to prepare you and prepare your hearts for the coming of Christ.

Peace and Blessings,

Pr. Elizabeth Cummings

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A Place In the Choir

The kingdom of the world had become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah. Revelation 11:15

I can't read the words of Revelation 11:15 without doing so to the tune of the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's *Messiah*. It rings out from the balcony of a sanctuary in my mind and transports me directly to singing in the choir on Easter morning.

As a student at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota, it was my joy to be a part of the famous Christmas concert there. A mass choir accompanied by a full orchestra sand the story of Christmas for thousands each year. I wasn't talented enough to be a part of the elite choir, but it didn't matter. All of us, from the freshman choir, to the women's choirs, to the top choir were one in this experience of making a joyful, unified noise in praise of God.

Singing in a choir is like the kingdom of God. Voices join together to create a sound bigger and grander than any one voice can make alone. Our differences don't divide us, but combine to create beautiful harmony. Singing together is a preview of what it will be like to be a part of the heavenly choir one day.

From Christ in Our Home; Pastor Jessica Daum Harris

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 Hello From Church Council

Another year has come and gone. Man, that was a quick year! Please welcome New and also returning Council Members to a fresh New Year Start. Your comments and thoughts are always welcomed.

The main focus this past year for Council was revising, updating and or adopting new Church policies and procedures, along with improvements in record keeping, filing and storage. The task was long and challenging, but needed to be done.

Completed items are as follows:

Computer Use Policy, Personnel Policies, Payroll Policies and Procedures, Accountable Reimbursement Policy, Evaluation Procedures, Reviewed Synodical Polices, Revised and Approved Church Constitution, 2016 Budget Proposal based on using our new computer finance program, Revised Job Descriptions pertaining to Office Administrator, Nursery Attendant, Musician and Sextons.

"Busy-Busy"---" Whew" --" Glad That's Over."

A few other items for future discussion are:

Child Protection Policy, Selecting Audit Committee members (*Please Volunteer*), Selecting Staff Support Committee members (*Please Volunteer*), Review Building Use Policy and Review Wedding Policy. As you can tell, there are a few items that need to be addressed, but the majority have been revised and approved. For your Reading Pleasure, a notebook with all of these descriptions, policies and procedures will be in the Church Office. On behalf of your Council, a "BIG THANK YOU" to the Congregation for your Thoughts and Prayers and for your Continued Generosity for "OUR CHURCH"; "GODS CHURCH". Your Continued Support will allow us to Grow - "GOD'S KING-DOM".

The Lord be with you!

Robert Nunn, Council President



Good Gifts If you would like to give a gift in honor of someone, look at the ELCA Good Gifts catalog. Copies are available in the information center across from the Library or look at www.elca.org/goodgifts. where you will also see how you can make a gift on-line.

Greetings from Linda & Tommy Rowe

God's plan for our lives is always the best, if we will only trust Him. Had we not moved here, we would not have been a position to go to Connecticut for the ordination of your wonderful pastor, Elizabeth, who took Tim Leaf's place. We love knowing that we met her parents and family. That was a highlight for us and her ordination is one we will never forget. We so appreciate watching "our kids" grow up and take their places in Resurrection's church life. Your newsletter allows us to keep in touch.

We have a church home here and have taken the place God had prepared for us. We have certainly learned that He is in the business of creating and preparing us to follow His plan, wherever it leads. We never thought it would be here, but He has guided us here. He has also allowed us to still be part of you and our family there and we are thankful.

We have volunteered to be coordinators for the Ecumenical Christmas Concert here and are in the middle of preparations. In a small village like this, cooperation among churches is vital. We must help one another. Tommy stopped substituting as a bus driver last year, reaching the ripe age of 70 and I stopped substituting this year, having reached the same ripe age. We are not exactly used up, but know that substitute earnings can be the difference for some families trying to make a living in this rural part of New York. We have our retirement income.

We did make it through the coldest winter on record here last year. We had 30 days below zero, and many days were well below zero. The coldest day was minus 30. This year, we will again take a short break from that intense cold to spend a few months in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. It is not warm there in the winter, but at least we can handle it. Last year, there we had a few 18 degree days and some icy steps but nothing like here. We don't mind cold, but it is helpful health wise to be able to get out and walk each day. At -10 or below, motivation dissipates!

We did not get to Kansas last year, but the next time we are there, we will be at Resurrection for sure! You are still in our hearts too! May the Lord watch between thee and we until that time!

Greetings from South Dakota!!!

We have had a beautiful LONG fall!!! This has been a mild season so far, but are supposed to get more snow Monday and Tuesday. Have to admit I love the big beautiful flakes that twirl down!!! We are into the second week of advent and the church has been decorated since the week after Thanksgiving!!! One of the members went out and cut down a tree. We have soup suppers before services on Wednesdays, and had our LWML Christmas lunch today. We really miss each and every one of you and hope if you are ever up this way you will stay with us if even for a few days. We promise we will let you do your own thing!!! Love seeing all the things going on at Resurrection, and seeing how quickly the kids are growing up. Will miss the kids Christmas program and all the wild little cows, donkeys, sheep, chickens, and the shepherds, kings, angels, Mary, Joseph, and sweet baby Jesus. We realize just how much we miss Kansas, her people (none as friendly), there are no more breathtaking sunrises and sunsets as those in Kansas, although South Dakota comes in a close second, and nobody can beat the feeling of family as much as all of you made us feel. May you each have a Very Merry Christmas and a safe and wonderful New Year." We will grow in faith and numbers by seeing Christ in one another in all we say and do."

Love and hugs!!! Rod and Claudia

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Haysville Alliance Thanksgiving

On the Tuesday prior to Thanksgiving an annual combined worship service including churches in the Haysville Alliance was held. This year the host church was First Christian Four Square



Church. Thanksgiving to God was offered with prayer, the Word, hymns, bell choir, anthems by both solo voice and choir and praise band. Our Pastor Elizabeth opened the service and our chancel choir offered two anthems. Following the service a large array of home baked cookies was enjoyed by all.



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Save the Date for the 2017 Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering The planners say: "We are in the early stages of planning our 2017 triennial gathering, but we wouldn't want you to miss it. Mark your calendars for the Tenth Triennial Gathering, July 13-16, 2017, in Minneapolis, Minn. Download a Save the Date poster.

We are real women talking about our faith. About our doubts and challenges. About joy and what inspires us. We'll experience simple conversations between friends—old and new—that will develop into a movement sweeping the church, inspired and infused with the Holy Spirit."

Reverend Tim Meyer



Dear Resurrection Family -

Once again you give me an opportunity to thank you for all of your support through the last 7 years. Yes, I was responding to God's call, but you yourselves also responded to God's call to train up pastors for the Kingdom. You all are a prize, and you might consider offering yourselves as a teaching congregation or internship site for others.

It's hard to express just how important your support was to me during seminary. God's continuing blessings to you for the support you will continue to provide.

Thank you for the cards, and please accept a HUGE thank-you to all who were able to attend my Service of Ordination and Installation on October 31. The occasion was joyous, the rafters rang with song, and the Holy Spirit came among us as promised.

The yoke of Christ represented by the pastor's stole is a treasure and a responsibility that no pastor can carry without God's help. So now I humbly ask for your continuing prayers for God's help - that I might prove a faithful pastor, patient teacher, and wise counselor, and that I might serve Christ and the Church faithfully and without reproach, so that God's people may be renewed and Christ's name will be glorified in the church and the world.

The LORD continue to be with you!

Rev. Tim Meyer

Read The Entire Bible In Two Years

by Candy Saxton

Join the Crossways International Bible Study to read the Bible and learn with Vicki Sample, Loretta Holmes, Candy Saxton, Clark & Noreen Sholts. We meet every Sunday evening at Gloria Dei for about one and a half hours. The class is co-taught by Pastor Dave Fulton and Pastor Tom Schaefer. These two pastors have a wealth of experiences and great perspectives on the Bible to share. Pastor Fulton served in the military in Iraq and has been to many of the places that we are studying. He has many interesting stories to relate about his experiences in Iraq.

We are using the Crossways International Bible Study, which was written by an Australian Lutheran Pastor, Harry Wendt. Yes, it really is a Lutheran Bible study! We basically study one chapter of the Bible a week. The syllabus includes a study guide with questions that help to ensure we understand each particular chapter of the Bible we are reading. Presently we have studied books through Deuteronomy, so there is a lot more to learn. Think about joining us and learning about the Bible from two excellent teachers. It is also a great opportunity to meet other people from Area Five.

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Creation Study in Pre-School

During the past several weeks this Fall, Tressa Vogt and Karolyn Braun's pre-school class has been studying creation.



Each Sunday they learned about a new day and what God made on that day. They used stickers, various papers, glue and crayons to make beautiful posters for their room and also made pages in their own take home book. Ask and they will tell you all about God's Creation! Pictured are: Adam Deutscher, Aeris McIntire, Kinley Pike, Emery Doll, Logan Clevenger, Bryce Christiansen. Carter Pike was absent on picture taking day.

Trick or Treat

At the Haysville Chamber of Commerce Trick or Treat Event, on the past sunny Halloween afternoon, Evelyn Cherry, Rory Cummings and Ruth Miller represented our Resurrection Lutheran Church to the community and passed out over 600 pieces of candy in 1.5 hours.



Thank you to Evelyn Cherry who coordinated this event, those who donated and/or labelled candy pieces with our church name, Anita Johnson who made the sign, and of course to the three candy givers. It was a fun time for all!

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Important Area 5 Meeting Sunday, January 10 The January Area Ministry 5 Lay Board Meeting will include the adoption of the Area 5 Budget distributed at the Area 5 Annual Meeting and the election of a new Lay Chair and Treasurer - unfinished business from the November 1 Area 5 meeting. The meeting will be at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, January 10, at Partners Church (Mision San Juan de Dios), 2760 S. Roosevelt. Each congregation is invited to send 2 lay people and their pastor as voting delegates. For delegates, good choices could include people who are former church council members or people who have attended Synod Assembly as delegates or just people who are interesting in Area Ministry 5 churches working together. It will be good to meet in the building where our Hispanic mission church is worshipping. Items on the budget include scholarships for seminary students when there are some seminarians from Area 5 and postage for the Area 5 Newsletter and also funds for a joint Area Ministry 5 activity.

Resurrection Rovers

The Rovers is an informal group who travel together on occasion to visit interesting and intriguing sites. Their latest 'escapade' was a short trip to view numerous and varied nativities displayed as an annual event at St Mary Catholic Church in Derby. This display, entitled "No Room At The Inn" included 100's of nativities – tiny to outdoor size, priceless to cardboard. It was an amazing and fun time together. As if the nativities weren't enough, there also was a homemade cookie sale.....YUM! The Rovers also enjoyed a time for conversation and lunch together. Keep watch for the next Rover excursion & come along.



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WELCA Looking Ahead

Philippians is the Next Gather Bible Study

Gather, the magazine of the Women of the ELCA, has changed its Bible study format. Rather than have a multi-month study from September to May they are shifting to offering a series of shorter Bible Studies. The next study will be a four-session Bible study exploring the book of Philippians. Authors E. Louise Williams and the Rev. Phyllis N. Kersten look at Christian citizenship and Paul's encouraging letters to the early church in Philippi. Christ-Wichita's Women's Bi-ble Study Group is using the Gather studies and will begin the Philippians study in January.



Community Rewards Re-Enrolling Resurrection and a number of Area 5 churches

currently participate in the Dillons Community
Rewards Program. This allows people to direct 5% of
their purchases at Dillons and Kwik Shop stores to a
charity of their choice when they present their Plus
Cards at checkout. Dillons has announced people need
to re-enroll each year. To re-enroll people need to visit
dillons.com/communityrewards after **January 1, 2016**in order for purchases throughout 2016 to credit the
organization of their choice such as their congregation.
The customer will need to sign in, and make their
contribution selection using their church's 5-digit NPO
number to locate their organization's name.

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Trivia Night Party with Partners for Wichita Mark your calendars for Trivia

Night to be Saturday, February 20, at 1st Presbyterian Church. Come with a team – or on your own - \$15 each in advance (\$120 for table of 8) -- \$20 each at the door.

Silent Auction! Donate baskets of goodies and special items. Each congregation is invited to create 3 or more baskets. Choose special themes filled with goodies. See Mary Ward gppmary@gmail.com or Mary McCrea MaryCMcCrea@yahoo.com if you have questions or ideas about baskets.

Other ways to support Partners for Wichita at Trivia Night include: Sponsor a round of questions, sponsor the evening: give and get your congregation's or business' name and logo projected and in guests' books. For more information, email Pr. Sally Fahrenthold partnersforwichita@cox.net or call 316-683-8649

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YMT News

reported by Pam Porsch

2015 Christmas Programs - December 13th

A Shepherds Christmas will be performed by the pre-schoolers and K-2nd graders during the Children's Sermon on December 13th and again at 6:30pm. Immediately following the 6:30pm performance will be the "Star Trip" Christmas program starring all the children. Be sure and mark your calendars as it promises to be an out of this world experience.

4th Annual Chili Cook-Off and Dessert Auction, sponsored by the YMT will be held Saturday, January 16th beginning at 5:30pm. This is a fundraiser for the 6-12 grade youth attending the Youth Quake/Zone event April 1-3, 2016 in Omaha, NE and the 3rd-5th grade youth that will be attending the Retreat/Bible Study at the Haysville Sleep Inn. All the masterpiece chili recipes will be judged by the attendees. \$5 (\$2 for age 5 & under) will get you a sample of all the chili entries and a bowl of your favorite. After consuming the wonderful chili – look out – here comes the dessert auction! Bid on your favorite dessert and share with your table or take it home for your family. Get out your best chili and dessert recipes and dust them off - the challenge will be here shortly! Come have a

wonderful time of fellowship.

The Youth Quake/Zone in Topeka was cancelled due to lack of attendees, so that means that we had to find another event to attend. The majority vote from the families was to attend the Omaha, Nebraska event April 1-3. The youth and their families are reviewing school activity calendars and family events before a final number of attendees can be announced. We estimate that there will be at least 7-8 youth plus adult sponsors traveling to Omaha. This year's event theme is "Unbreakable" and is based on "But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong." 2 Corinthians 12:9-10. 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 time 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, fellowship and Christian music.

The $3^{rd} - 5^{th}$ graders are not left out of the fun of Youth Quake/Zone, they will be having their own Retreat/Bible Study at a yet undecided date. They too will be studying 2 Corinthians 12:9-10, along with enjoying some swimming, pizza and snacks. A fun educational night it promises to be!

Please keep all the youth and the adult sponsors in your prayers for the annual mission trip.

Resurrection Reflections Official Unofficial Poll

Since we now know everything about everyone we are retiring the Who's that Lutheran. Look for more fun and informative polls in the coming newsletters.

1. How long have you attended Resurred	tion Lutheran Church?
a. Less than 5 years	4%
b. 5-20 years	58%
c. Since Adam was a pup	38%
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2. What is your favorite part of our worsh	
a. Adult Sermon	28%
a. Children Sermon	12%
b. Announcements	5%
c. Communion	28%
d. PTP - passing the peace	12%
e. Music	16%
3. Where is your most frequent place to p	orav2
a. In bed	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	54%
b. At church	26%
c. In the car	11%
d. In the bathroom	9%
4. Which is your communion preference?	?
a. Individual small glass	69%
b. Common cup	31%
c. Intinction (dipping host in the wine) 0%
5. How far do you drive to church?	
a. Under 2 miles	19%
b. Between 2 to 5 miles	23%
c. Between 5 to 10 miles	23%
d. More than 10 miles	35%
c. I ride/drive my bike to church	0%

WELCA Thanks You!

Another hugely successful Fall Bazaar at Resurrection! While it's a WELCA project, it couldn't be carried out without the help of the



congregation. When all the sales are complete, we'll have cleared about \$2500. Ten per cent will go to Mission Support and the rest toward scholarships for our youth to attend a week of church camp at Camp



Tomah Shinga next summer. We were also helped by a grant from Thrivent for \$250 with which we purchased food and supplies for the bazaar.

Well over 600 volunteer hours went into putting the bazaar together:

- Crafts, baked and canned goods, soups, sloppy joes and cinnamon rolls were made.
- The roadside sign was repainted and put in place.
- Flyers were distributed.
- Publicity appeared on Haysville's TV Channel and on electronic signs at the city building and Commerce Bank.
- Publicity was posted on the church's web site.
- Bazaar items were set up on Thursday.
- Workers attended the bazaar on Friday and Saturday.
- Helpers set up and put away tables and chairs in Fellowship Hall.
- And all who came and made purchases!

The annual bazaar is a terrific community outreach and an opportunity for fellowship and service. Thanks to all!

Women of ELCA







Altar Guild

by Lydia Evans



Here we are at the beautiful and busy Christmas season once again. We on the Altar Guild are all so busy planning and preparing our sanctuary to reflect the birth of our Savior. Thanks to Property Committee for putting three Christmas trees. Altar Guild, with

some other workers began decorating on Monday evening, December 7th. We had a fun time joining in this festive activity. New ideas are always welcomed, **AND of course...we always have snacks!**

In the meanwhile, by serving as sacristans, we continue to carry out our 'to prepare and mission: adorn God's house for worship'. You might wonder, just what do sacristans and the Altar around Guild do church? Wonder no more!



We will welcome you at 6:30 on the 2nd Monday of the month –especially each December for our Christmas decorating party.

All of us from the Altar Guild wish everyone a very blessed, happy and peaceful Christmas and a wonderful New Year!!!





Greetings from Episcopal Social Services

On November 15, Barbara Andres brought us an appeal for Venture House at ESS. Her message follows.

For those living in poverty, or those living with symptoms of mental illness, the challenges in day-to-day living can be overwhelming.



Episcopal Social Services (ESS) and Breakthrough Club provide employment support, socialization, financial management support, and classes that help youth and adults manage their anger and frustration. Our members and clients don't need to walk this road alone. Our programs are now growing, and we're in need of additional volunteers to assist us. This is an opportunity to mentor others and put Christian service into action. We need you. Please consider volunteering today.

Episcopal Social Services is located at 1010 N Main, Wichita KS. Please give me a call at 269-4160 if you have any questions. I am also available by email at Barbara.andres@esswichita.org

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Congregational Annual Meeting

The first part of the Congregational Annual Meeting was held on Dec. 6 after Sunday worship service. The purpose of this meeting was to approve Resurrection Lutheran's 2016 Annual Budget and elect new church council members.

After some discussion and revisions the 2016 Annual Budget was approved by the congregation.

Three Church Council positions were up for election this year. These positions were vacated by Shari Jordan, Robert Nunn, and Pam Porsch. We Thank these Council members for their hard work and dedication to our church. The newly elected Council members are Rick Clemens, Deanna Deutscher and Share Jordan. We have the pleasure of also welcoming MyKenzie McKusker to Council as our elected Youth Council Member. We Thank Pam Porsch and Candy Saxton for running for Council as well. We are blessed to have so many gifted and capable candidates for Council.

Property Committee Update

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

It is hard to believe that 2015 is almost over and has been a very busy year so far for the Property Committee. Over the past few months, the Property Committee has been planning the Brick Memorial area by the monument. The plans were presented to the congregation and the initial order was placed. The committee has been working on clearing the monument area and getting ready for the installation. Once the area is completed, there will be a dedication service. A memorial brick can be purchased at any time and all you will need to do is see a member of the Property Committee about ordering one.

On Reformation Sunday, Property hosted an Oktoberfest lunch after service. It was a little different than the usual Soup Supper. There were games for kids and adults, a silent auction, raffle for the handmade quilt, and plenty of delicious brats and sides to go around. The event was a huge success and raised around \$800. On Sunday, November 8th, Ray York's name was drawn to win the quilt raffle. We heartily thank everyone who helped make this a great event.



As we look towards the New Year, there are still a lot of things the Property Committee has planned. Be on the lookout for Valentine's Brunch in February, a spring cleanup day, and our next project, just to name a few. Just a reminder that the committee meets the first Wednesday of the month and all are welcome to attend.

In God's Peace,

The Property Committee, Rory Cummings, Chair

Spot Light on Rick & Linda Clements



Greetings to our friends at Resurrection. Our Imaging team has asked that I tell you a bit about us, Linda & me, Rick. Linda is a very shy person and some say I am not so shy. You'd wonder how we ever "connected", and sometimes so do I. I guess it's true; opposites attract.

Me? I was born in Pratt, Kansas, the middle child in my family of five, with three brothers and one sister. An older brother is now deceased, due to cancer. I still consider myself a 'Pratt Person'. Our family belonged to Calvary Baptist

Church in Pratt where I was baptized by immersion at age twelve. As I recall my baptism, it was a very frightening experience. At age 13, we joined the Episcopal Church and I was home schooled for confirmation. For fun as a kid, I hunted snakes and actually kept snakes as pets. I was featured in an article for the Pratt newspaper, the Pratt Tribune, about my hobby with snakes. Our family moved to Wichita where my dad found work. I loved to run and at Wichita East High School, I ran cross country, even at a regional meet. However, it was 'love or money' and at age fifteen, I had to quit running to work at as a bagger at Walls IGA for 50 cents an hour.

Linda is a true blue Wichita girl. She graduated from Wichita High School East, in 1964. Coincidently, this is the same high school that I attended. :) We met in my senior year, 1962, and continued the relationship after I graduated. Things got more serious and we married Sept. 19th, 1964, at St Christopher's Episcopal Church, Wichita. Linda babysat a couple different children, in our home, to augment our combined income. I worked for Dillon's and the pay was lousy, \$1.35/hour. When Linda was pregnant, I began working at the railroad in training as a boxcar repairman. That was two years of hard, dirty work. When the railroad job closed I went to work at Cessna and was employed there for 34 years. At Cessna, I began as a sheet metal assembler, became a production problem solver, and at the last retired as a non-degreed manufacturing engineer.

Three years after we were married, Kimberly, our first child was born. Three years later, Rick Jr. (little Ricky) came along. Linda and I along with our 2 children joined Resurrection way back in 1969. At that time we owned a home up in Wichita, and decided to move closer to Resurrection, 'our' church in Haysville. Pastor Arthur Freeburg was the pastor. It was probably about 12-13 years later that we brought our third child, Nita King, into our hearts. We like to say that we adopted Nita, 'by love, not by law'. Through these 3 young people we now have 10 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Yes, Linda and I know that God has most certainly blessed us, in life and spirit!

Linda started out her 'real' working career at here in Green Meadows Nursing Home here in Haysville. She hired on way back in 1977 and worked for of all people, Gail Freeburg, wife of our late Pastor Arthur Freeburg. She initially worked in the Arts & Crafts department, giving

diversions to the residents. Apparently her efforts were noticed and she was moved to Social Services.

There she worked her way up to a supervisory position and later was named Supervisor of Social Services. She was hired by the Haysville School district, as the playground and lunch room supervisor. This lasted just two years and she decided it was time to hang up her 'spurs', which was about the same time that I retired from Cessna. *If I wasn't going to work, she wasn't either*.

We have memories of our honeymoon at the Kansas State Fair, but now Linda & I don't like to fight the ever growing crowds. For our 25th anniversary, we traveled to Hawaii for a 10 day stay. It was great! This year was our 50th wedding anniversary. To celebrate, Linda and I boarded a cruise ship for what was supposed to be a pleasant cruise to 3 different destinations. We quickly discovered that we don't like life on a cruise ship. We especially didn't like the rough seas on our third day out which caused the second port of call to be 'scrubbed'. So Linda & I bobbed about on the ocean and worked our way to the third port. In a final conclusion, we won't be taking another cruise, even if it's free. No thank you. We wish we had gone back to Hawaii – for sure!

I joined the Haysville Masonic Lodge in 1977. This year I received my 38th year pin in Masonry. This is also my year as Master of Haysville Lodge. It's been a busy year, and I learned lots regarding the Masonry. Next month, I'll turn over the 'chair' to my son-in-law, Lee Crawford. I will say that Masonic membership is diminishing, but I hope that enough interest is generated to keep this fraternal organization alive.

Linda and I both grew up with pets in our homes. So it's no surprise that we've had pets almost all our married lives, mostly dogs. Each one was our favorite and each terribly spoiled. The first one joined us before we had been married a year. Our current dog is Prince Harry. We just call him Harry. He's a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, just a little over 2 years old now and he is the love of our lives, hands down, the best dog ever. Yes, he's spoiled, just a little; he sleeps with us (in our bed) every night. We've had cats, as well. Our first cat was a Siamese, and she was a cat from hell. We finally had to give her away before she destroyed all our curtains and furniture. Our current cat (Gracie) has thyroid problems, but she just refuses

to take her medicine. So we spoil her and feed her all she wants 2 - 3 times a day. Her favorite (current) food is canned tuna and sardines. Honestly...

Camping has been a big part of our lives. Linda & I have had all the different campers and RV'S. Starting with a basic tent we slowly worked up to bigger and better units. Our last was our biggest, most expensive, our Montana Fifth Wheel, a great RV. It was by far the largest of all that we had previously owned. Our final destination was the best too! We kept our RV at Spring Lake RV Resort for seven years, 365 days a year. We paid a little extra to leave it in place through the winter, thus assuring we would keep our parking spot.

In closing, I would like to say that we certainly enjoy the church and all the members. We ALL are blessed to be part of this church family. Linda & Rick Clements

Church Staff	
Pastor	Elizabeth Cummings
Office Administrator	•
Treasure	
Financial Secretary	
Nursery Supervisor	
Music Director	
Sexton	David & Jessie Cook
Church Council	
President	Robert Nunn
Vice President	Barry Schroeder
Secretary	Shari Jordan
•	Lisa Atcheson
	Karolyn Braun
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The Birth of Jesus

- ¹ In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ² (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ And everyone went to their own town to register.
- ⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.
- ⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."
- ¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,
- ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven,
 - and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."
- ¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."
- ¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

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