



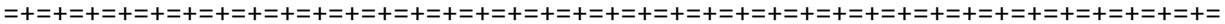
RESURRECTION REFLECTIONS

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OUR MISSION Live the Faith! Lift High the Cross! OUR VISION

We will grow in faith and numbers by seeing Christ in one another in all we say and do!



Pastor's Ponderings

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ;

During the season of Lent, the people of Resurrection shared their prayers with our congregation by placing leaves on the Tree of Life in the narthex. It was wonderful to see the tree fill with leaves each week and how the adults and youth of our congregation prayed in this way for those in their midst. We saw many names on the tree, we saw many prayer concerns on the tree, we saw many times where we as Christ's disciples were lifting up others through our post-it note prayers.



It is my hope that we continue to place an emphasis on the importance of prayer as we journey together through the 50 days of Easter toward Pentecost. I invite you to wear RED on Pentecost Sunday, May 15 as we remember how the Holy Spirit is active in our

lives and how God is leading and guiding us each day.

My thanks goes out to all those who helped make the Lent, Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter services possible. It is always

fun to start our Palm Sunday service in the parking lot with a procession of Palms lead by a donkey. We were fortunate to have Buttercup the donkey with us that day. She had so much fun at Resurrection, she didn't want to get back on the trailer to go home.

What a surprise we had on Easter morning! I never expected to wake up to snow on the ground at the end of March. Thankfully we could still start the Vigil Service outside with the new fire to light the Pascal Candle. The breakfast provided by the Altar Guild was delicious and I enjoyed seeing extended family members who were visiting join us for worship that morning.

Thank you again to all who volunteered to read, acolyte, crucifer and usher at our various services during Holy Week.

Peace and Blessings,
Pr. Elizabeth Cummings



COUNCIL NOTES

by Barry Schroeder, Council President



Front left to right; MyKenzie McKusker, Lisa Atcheson, Shari Jordan, Rick Clements

Back left to right: Deanna Deutscher, Lydia Evans, Karolyn Braun, Pastor Elizabeth Cummings, Ray York, Barry Schroeder

The Church Council kicked off the year with their annual Council Retreat in early January. The Council Retreat provides an opportunity to welcome new council members and focus on planning out the year without needing to divert attention to the normal business that takes place in monthly council meetings.

As part of the plan for 2016, Council decided to focus on Stewardship. It wasn't known at the time but this will also be the focus for the Central States Synod Assembly in June and the year in general. When stewardship is mentioned in the church it often brings thoughts of money and offerings. While this is certainly part of stewardship, there is much more to stewardship. Merriam-Webster defines stewardship as *"the conducting, supervising, or managing of something; especially: the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care."* God has entrusted each of us with our own unique set of gifts. How are you being a steward of the many gifts that God has given to you? How are you helping God's kingdom here on earth? Are you feeling a pull to something outside your comfort zone? Can you step out in faith to do it?

There are many ways to use your gifts right here at Resurrection. We have a verity of different committees and teams that are always happy to welcome a new face. Assisting with worship is another important place where you can use your gifts. The office also uses regular volunteers to help keep the church running smoothly. I would also encourage you to thank those people that donate their time to serve in all these crucial rolls. Our hard working volunteers are what keep our wonderful church running.



Council has compiled some general goals that we will ask the Stewardship Committee to turn into a detailed plan and take leadership in carrying out that plan. Notice that I said leadership, don't be surprised if you get a tap on the shoulder asking you to help with an activity or volunteer opportunity that they will be planning. But first we need to resurrect the Stewardship Committee, which is one our current tasks at hand.

The day to day business of the Council also continues in our monthly meetings. As part of that we continue to review our policies and procedures to see where things could be done better. The approved Council Minutes are posted on the hallway bulletin board so you can stay up to date on the monthly Council activities. We have also started putting more financial information in the Sunday bulletin so you can have better visibility of the church's finances.

Property Committee Update

by Rory Cummings

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Wow! We cannot believe that Easter Season is already here and in full swing. It seems that the first three months have flown by. The Property Committee has been busy in those three months. In February, we held a Valentine's brunch after service. It was a great success with plenty of food for everyone. We had 8 casseroles, fruit, cinnamon rolls (provided by the Alter Guild), and juice. There were hardly any scraps remaining. We heartily thank everyone in the congregation who came out to support this event.



On Palm Sunday, the committee held a mini clean-up day to get some things in order for Easter. Committee members dusted the bottom of the sanctuary chairs, cleaned up cobwebs, washed the windows, and cleaned up the trees out front. There will be a few more workdays this spring/summer to continue to make our church look beautiful and inviting.

We wanted to let you know that on June 5th, the Property Committee will be having a dedication service for the brick memorial. All the concrete has been poured and



just a few touch up items remain. This also means that if anyone would like a memorial brick before the dedication, the last day to place an order will be May 21. This will allow us time to have them engraved and installed before the dedication. If

you have any questions, please see a member of the Property Committee.

As we look toward the rest of the year, there are still a lot of things the Property Committee has planned. Be on the lookout for spring/summer clean up days, fall fundraiser, and the memorial dedication, just to name a few. An important and open invitation: the committee meets the first Wednesday of the month and all are welcome to attend.

In God's Peace,
The Property Committee

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Resurrection Reflections Official Unofficial Poll

1. Which is your favorite holiday?

Christmas	29%
New Year's Day	0%
Easter	29%
Valentine's Day	0%
Independence Day	12%
Thanksgiving	12%
Labor Day	0%
Veteran's Day	6%
Memorial Day	12%
2. During Lent, Did you 'Give Up' Something?

Yes	50%
No	50%
3. Choose Your Easter Favorite:

Joyous Church Service	50%
Family Gatherings	44%
New Clothes	6%
Egg or Basket Hunt	0%
4. Which is your most favorite Easter Food?

Chocolate Bunnies	35%
Baked Ham	47%
Jelly Beans	6%
Mashed Potatoes	12%
5. Number these egg activities for your preference:

Boiling Eggs	17%
Coloring/Decorating Eggs	26%
Hunting Eggs	22%
Eating Eggs	25%
Tossing Eggs	9%

Our Busy Youth

by Pam Porsch



Youth Quake/Zone – April 1 four Middle School & High School youth – MyKenzie McKusker, Victoria Tjaden, Natasha Braun and Emma Atcheson began their weekend of worship and study of 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 in Omaha at the Omaha Marriott. Pam and Heather Porsch were adult sponsors. The weekend began with a Campfire worship event with the band Bread of Stone. Saturday morning they chose their workshops to attend during the day, as well as participated in Celebration with Bread of Stone and Dan Scharnhorst, the weekend’s featured speaker, and attended Campfire to end the evening. One of the workshops all the girls attended was “Broken to Beautiful” by Brittney and Shannon Kristijanto. This workshop’s theme was “We were once broken and lost, but through Jesus, we are made new.” All attendees made INDAH Guitar String bracelets and learned how the jewelry supports Bread of Stone’s ministry “The Light Project” in Indonesia – home to Bill and Ben Kristijanto. Sunday morning was the final Celebration worship service. We were honored to have Tim Barnes (Bread of Stone’s bass guitarist) and Dan Scharnhorst join us for lunch on Saturday and for dinner Jason Ferris (Bread of Stone’s drummer) came and ate pizza with us. These are wonderful experiences for the youth to actually sit and talk with prominent Christian role models! We had an awesome weekend!!

Sponsors, Pam & Heather Porsch

Plant Sales – April 10-17th the Youth had their annual plant sales. Several congregation members provided wonderful testimonies of how superb their plants, purchased from the youth, thrived the last few years. The feedback is greatly appreciated and we hope that this year’s crop continues to bring beauty and great vegetables into the lives of our members. Thank you for your support!

Sandwich Saturdays - Resurrection will once again be hosting Sandwich Saturdays in 2016. Our first Saturday was April 23rd. Our next Saturdays will be August 27th and October 22nd. If you want to help out with this Community Service project see Loretta or Pam.

3rd-5th Grade Overnighter - Pastor and Rory hosted the annual 3rd-5th Grade Overnighter at the Haysville Sleep Inn April 15th-16th. The evening began with Pizza and Pop to give them sustenance, then on to the saltwater pool for fitness and they ended the night studying 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 gaining their wisdom of the evening. The 3rd-5th graders attending were Carlie Schill, Allie Clevenger, Kaylee Hampton, Brynna Christiansen, Donovan Braun and Jordan Vogt. All had a fantastic time!



VBS 2016, Cave Quest - VBS will be held June 20-25 from 6-8:30pm. The theme for the week is “Following Jesus, the Light of the World”. Be on the lookout for registration AND volunteer opportunities AND donation opportunities.

Omaha Youth Quake Zone April 1 - 3, 2016

A transformational weekend for grades 6-12 where lives are renewed and faith becomes real!



Pam Porsch, Heather Porsch, Natasha Braun, Emma Atcheson, Mykenzie McKusker (missing – Victoria Tjaden)

My experience from Omaha was fantastic. I had a great time while listening to the Band Bread of Stone, and the activities that we had on Saturday. My favorite part is when we made the bracelets out of guitar string, and the game show. I had a really fun time and can't wait for another opportunity.

Sincerely, Victoria Tjaden

Going to Omaha was very fun for my first time and also my last which is a big bummer (this was the last time this event will be held). We had lots of fun like listening to the awesome band Bread and Stone. We got to do workshops which means we went around to different rooms to do fun activities, learning more about God and Jesus. One of my favorite parts was listening to Dan, the storyteller, tell some AMAZING stories! I enjoyed every second of it!

-Emma Atcheson

It was a fun and wonderful weekend. I was able to see the band Bread of Stone and the awesome speaker Dan, who we had previously seen before. My favorite part of the trip was the meal times we invited members of the band and the speaker.

-MyKenzie McKusker

We got to the hotel around 9:00 pm. Pam went in to register us. Heather, Victoria, MyKenzie, Emma and I put all of our stuff on a luggage cart. When we got in, Pam said she registered us and got Tim (the base guitarist of Bread of Stone) to eat lunch with us. We went to our room, went back down to finish evening worship, then went back to our room and went to sleep

We woke up, got dressed, had breakfast and went down for morning praise. When Bread of Stone played, the music vibrated my clothing. Then we got our list of workshops. I went to "Superhero's and Faith" where we learned that we, ourselves, are the secret identities, God is the super hero, and Satan is the villain in us. Then we had lunch with Tim and Dan (the main speaker), and neither one knew that Kansas had salt mines. Neither one could get over that fact. Then we went to our second workshop. Mine was "America's Favorite Game Show" with Dan. He didn't remember my name from five minutes ago. My team was Team 1 and the opposing team was the "Cat Dragons", and they won. Then we went to our last workshop which was "Broken to Beautiful" which was where you take broken guitar strings and make them into bracelets. Then we had dinner with Jason (the drummer from Bread of Stone). Then we had the "free time/party. I played games. It was then time for evening workshop (which was not as loud as the morning or midday). Then we went to our room, stayed up till midnight, and decided to go to bed.

On Sunday morning we missed the alarm by an hour, got dressed, had breakfast, went to morning worship, got our Youth Zone/Quake tee-shirts signed by the band. Then we got lunch ready, had midday worship and left. We had lunch in a park then finished our five hour journey back to the church.

-Natasha Braun

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2 Corinthians 12:9-10 (NRSV)

⁹ but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰ Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Camp Tomah Shinga News!

We have more kids going to summer church camp at Camp Tomah Shinga than ever before! At least 14-15 are scheduled to go.

Camp Tomah Shinga located south of Junction City is a Lutheran camp and serves all ages. During June, July, and August there are sessions for Grades 1-3, 4-6, confirmation classes, high school age, families, disaster response teen corps for youth preparing to go on a mission trip, and ranch camp for those who love horses.

The Camp provides opportunities for fellowship, Bible studies, and outdoor experiences. Staff are college age and trained in everything from Bible studies to emergency response situations. All are first aid and CPR certified and have completed background checks.

Sending RLC youth to camp has been a WELCA project for many years. The group provides scholarships and in many cases pays the entire fee for the child.

Funds are raised through the Fall Bazaar, the Ash Wednesday Soup Supper, and the Book and Bake Sale in May. The fine support of the congregation has made it possible to send our youth to camp.

If you would like to know more about the Camp, go online to Camp Tomah Shinga.

<http://tomahshinga.com/>



Graduations

Mykenzie McKusker will graduate from Campus High School on Sunday, May 15 at 2:00 pm. She will be attending Kansas State University to study wildlife biology. The bacheloriare service will be held on May 8 at 3:00 pm.



Hannah Kaufman will graduate from Clearwater High School on Sunday, May 8th at 2:00 pm. She plans to attend Kansas State University to study criminal justice and also play in the concert band. All are invited to attend her reception to be held at the Clearwater Baptist Church following the graduation ceremony.

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THE GLORY OF EASTER

Amazing love came to our world
At the birth of Christ, God's Son.
A Son who grew into a man;
Who lived as we have done.

He forgave sin. He showed the way
He healed, He preached, He taught.
He called His twelve to follow Him
And share what He had wrought.

Content to do the will of God
To follow God's good plan
Sharing His love with all who came
To see this Son of Man.

Though sinless, in God's love for us
He hung and died alone.
That we might live, died on the cross
For our sins to atone.

He gave His life; salvation's price,
Paid by God's only Son
Then on a bright and glorious day
He rose, the victory won.

So alleluias now we sing
In gratitude and praise
At Easter Time, with joyful hearts
And throughout all our days.

By Wanda Black (Ruth Albertin's sister)

SPRING FLING INVITATION

Altar Guild, Lydia Evans & Karen Vogt

Altar Guild is busy creating items for our upcoming event, Spring Fling. Hand-made Home Decor items of all kinds will be offered. Remember Mother's Day is Sunday, May 8th and Spring Fling may be the best place to select a unique gift. Altar Guild appreciates your support! This sale will be held on Sunday, May 1st and Saturday, May 7th.

The handmade items offered at Altar Guild fund raisers are of materials donated by Guild members. The funds raised are then returned to our church in the form of new altar linens and other worship related items.

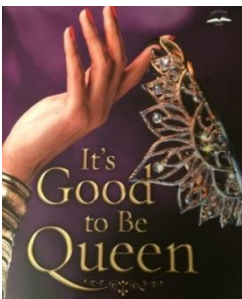
Altar Guild says "Thank you!" to our congregation for supporting our recent fund raiser, 'Hop On Over' and our Easter Breakfast.



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Bad Girls Bible Study

Come join Resurrection's Bad Girls each second Saturday at 10:00 AM. Currently we are learning how to 'become as Bold, Gracious and Wise as the Queen of Sheba'.



This is a Bible study written by Liz Curtis Higgs, "who has one goal: to help women embrace the grace of God with joy and abandon". Even if you are not such a Bad Girl, you are most welcome.

Please join us.

May Book and Bake Sale!

The annual Book and Bake sale will begin with a bake sale on Sunday May 8. Books, CDs, DVDs, games, magazines, puzzles, children's books and games will be available from May 8 through the end of May in the Fellowship Hall.



None of these items (except baked goods) are priced. You make your choices and then make a contribution to WELCA. Books are added each week as people clean out their shelves, so check the tables each week.

Funds raised are used for scholarships for our youth to attend Camp Tomah Shinga. Homemade pies, cakes, cookies, and breads will be available on May 8th only so be sure to stop by Fellowship Hall before and after service. Then stock up for your summer reading and entertainment for the kids throughout the month of May!

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Spring Cluster Meeting of WELCA

Women of the ELCA in Area 5 will gather Saturday, April 30 at St Paul Lutheran, Wichita for their annual meeting. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and concludes with a luncheon. The guest speaker will be Laura Broyles who will address the residential program in Wichita for women who are re-entering society after incarceration, the "New Life Re-entry Program." In-kind gifts will go to the program: personal women's toiletries, jewelry, bath towels, dishes, mops and brooms, etc. All ladies of Resurrection are invited to attend. For details, see posters or talk with our RLC WELCA ladies. Loretta Holmes serves on the Area 5 WELCA board.



The group will also hear information about the CSS WELCA convention in Springfield, MO, July 29-31.

Who Knew!

By Evelyn Clark

Singing in a choir for just one hour boosts levels of immune proteins in people affected by cancer, reduces stress and improves mood, which in turn could have a positive impact on overall health, a new study by Tenovus Cancer Care and the Royal College of Music published today in *ecancermedicalsecience* has found.

Dr Ian Lewis, Director of Research and Policy at Tenovus Cancer Care and co-author of the research said: "These are really exciting findings. We have been building a body of evidence over the past six years to show that singing in a choir can have a range of social, emotional and psychological benefits, and now we can see it has biological effects too."

WOW! Is there a better reason for joining the choir? Reduce stress, improve your wellbeing, have a support group, and just have fun!

Choir meets every Thursday, 6:30-7:30 p.m. through May. We'll also be having "Open" choir the 3rd Sundays of June, July, and August at 9:30 before services. Plan to join on any one or all of these days. It'll be good for you!! God loves a joyful noise. God loves you!!



Join the Choir...
You'll Be Glad
You Did!

Psalm 98:1

O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

Psalm 100:1

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Resurrection Trumpeters

We have talented trumpeters! On April 3rd, the second Sunday of Easter, Carlie Schill and Aubrey Gill surprised and delighted the congregation as they played three hymns for the offertory. Thank you so much, Carlie and Aubrey. We hope you will offer your musical gifts again soon.



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Welcome Karsyn!



MaKena, Tyler, Kaylee, Amy and Karsyn Hampton



*Karsyn Faye Hampton, Child of God
Baptized January 17, 2016*

John Larsen Retires

by Vicki Larsen

John Larsen looked forward to retirement starting

April Fool's Day 2016!

For the past 8 years (since moving to Kansas from MN) he has worked at the Clearwater Coop delivering propane. John has always enjoyed driving the big trucks starting in his early 20's delivering donuts and supplies for the McGlynn Bakeries. He worked 32 years with McGlynn's until the business was sold. John started out sweeping the floors, graduating from flipping donuts, to driving the supply truck then to ordering all the ingredients for the multi-million dollar company. Within a year after McGlynn's closed (John delivered sod and did some handyman jobs) the Larsens moved to Kansas where John became the general contractor while their house was being built. Once moved in to their new home west of Clearwater, John joined the Clearwater Coop. He loved delivering propane for the Clearwater and surrounding towns along with working with his Coop Family. He looked forward going to work every day-even the long harvest days. Oct. 29, 2016 was the highlight of John's recent career when he was chosen to drive the Coop's huge, new propane truck to Clearwater to be put into service.



Many people came to say goodbye on March 31st at John's retirement party where he was presented with an electric recliner as a gift from the Coop. He has been enjoying his chair while Vicki has plans for her new 'Housewife Assistant'. Retirement plans include camping with their new RV and the day following his retirement John & Vicki were at Lake Afton RVing with their grandson, Bryce.

John retires, or does he?



Ron Evans Retires

Congratulations to Ron Evans who retired on April 13, 2016, after 35 years with the Wichita City Fire Department. His favorite, even fun work assignment was on the Water Rescue Team and plucking adventurous kids from the water spillways downtown and north of Wichita. However, losing kids in a fire or accident and working on the Heavy Rescue Team at the DeBruce Grain Elevator explosion were the most sad and unforgettable duties for Ron. Ron said his last work station, the newest, # 21, at 21st St. North and 135th St. West, was his favorite station as he had his own bedroom, as opposed to bunking with 10 other guys. Soon after his retirement, Ron and Rae Ann have planned a trip to Key West Florida. He also will keep busy with his existing roofing business.

Thank you for your service Ron!

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Quilt of Valor for Leo Doll

by Vicki Larsen



A Clearwater sewing group, The ‘Ole Sew and Sews’ presented Quilts of Valor to eight local veterans on Presidents Day, Feb. 15, 2016. This year Leo Doll was among eight veterans who received a quilt. One day short of his 18th birthday Leo joined the Coast Guard and reported to Brooklyn, NY for basic training. During WW2, he was assigned to Patrol Frigate PF 102 in Boston, Mass. Following he was assigned to Recief, Brazil, located half way between Africa and Brazil. He was on a small ship that left port every 30 days and their duties were to report the weather to planes and ships that were going to foreign countries. Leo received an Honorable Discharge on May 9, 1946 to attend the funeral of his father, Barney Doll.

The quilts are constructed with fabrics of patriotic patterns and colors “with lots of stars” said group member, Peggy Brockman. “They’re kind of lap quilts, and we always hope that recipients will



actually use them. They can be washed.” Quilts of Valor is a national organization. The Clearwater group, The Ole Sew and Sews, has been creating Quilts of Valor since 2008. They have focused their efforts on local veterans for the past several years. A local business, J. B. Stitchery donated batting and machine stitching services to the Quilts of Valor effort. This was the group’s second year to hold its presentation ceremony on President’s Day allowing school children, especially grandchildren and even great grandchildren to join in the celebration.



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Thank You!

A big thank you to Roberta and Marty Gould, our church musicians, for our new piano microphone. It’s likely that you have heard the



enhanced piano sound, but not seen the new mic, as it ‘hides’ beneath our piano. The new mic is designed to be omnidirectional so that it will pick up more of the piano range. This special mic was a wish list item, now a reality. Next Sunday, listen closely as Roberta and Marty bring even more beautiful music to our worship.

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Online Women’s Magazine: *Café*

(Source: Pr. Sally Fahrenthold, Area 5 Newsletter)



Café is an online magazine of the Women of the ELCA. Find it at www.boldcafe.org. Café incorporates a Lutheran perspective for women of Christian faith or for any woman who is interested in how

faith relates to issues women face. Also available: *Women of the ELCA Daily Grace*, an online devotional.

+ Celebration of Life +

April 5, 2016
1:00 PM

+ William Rueben Burrell Jr.+
From Grace to Glory
Sept. 13, 1935 - March 31, 2016

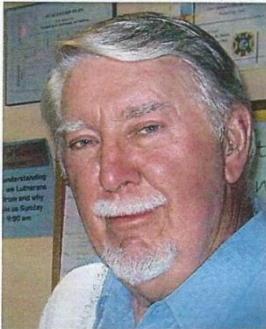


William "Bill" Reuben Burrell, Jr, age 80, passed away March 31, 2016. He was born September 16, 1935 in Branchville, SC. He retired from the USAF, after 22 years of service. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War as a pilot and a recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross.

+ Celebration of Life +

Saturday, March 26, 2016
11:00 AM

+ Willis John (Bill) Sorensen +
From Grace to Glory
May 31, 1932 – March 16, 2016



Sorensen, Willis John (Bill), 83, loving husband and devoted father, passed away March 16, 2016. Bill was born May 31, 1932 in Glenwood City, WI to George and Julia Sorensen. He was raised on a dairy farm until he entered the Navy from 1949-1953, during the Korean War. He married Jo Clark on May 14, 1954. They would have celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary this year. Bill worked for the government for 40 years.

Woodworker's Prayer

Lord, might I be but as a saw,
A plane, a chisel in Thy hand.
No, Lord, I take it back in awe;
Such a prayer for me is far too grand.
I pray Thee, rather let me lie
As on Thy bench the favored wood;
Thy saw, Thy plane, Thy chisel ply
And work me into something good.
George Macdonald

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Basketball Bracket Buster



This contest was the first of several efforts to help fund the National Youth Gathering which will be held in Houston, Texas during the summer of 2018. On April 3rd Pastor Elizabeth announced that Clark Sholts had won the Basketball Bracket contest and awarded him the March Madness Prize Basket. When asked if he had a particular method to choose winning basketball teams, Clark replied, "Just dumb luck!" The prize basket contained many items appropriate for sports fans: a Buffalo Wild Wings gift card, "The Works" haircut from The Men's Cut, many tasty fan snacks: peanuts, pretzels, chips, 8 pack mini Coca Cola, Shocker, KU & K-State stickers and drink koozies, Over the Door Basketball Hoop and Ball, and Basketball Easter Eggs. Be on the lookout for more opportunities to help fund this trip for our youth, as they work to have a head start funding this exciting gathering.

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IS TO LOSE YOURSELF
IN THE SERVICE OF OTHERS.
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Spotlight on Gerald & Alice Yoachum



Alice was born in the Hillsborough hospital, lived and grew up on a farm outside of Tampa, KS. She was the 8th child with 4 brothers and 4 sisters where she first spoke German. Alice was baptized at the family's country church, St. John's Lutheran. Later that church building was literally combined with the Tampa church building, so in 8th grade, Alice was confirmed 'in town'. For 8 years, she attended country school with a total of 14 students, ½ mile down the road. She and her baby sister, Lydia Evans, were almost always together. During the winter, the lady who delivered mail would let them ride to school by standing on the truck's running board. Alice and Lydia milked 4 cows and tended chickens before and after school. In warm weather they helped in the family garden by picking bugs off potato plants, picking (and eating) carrots and rhubarb. Playtime was usually outside, often under cedar trees where they liked to play dolls.

They climbed the trees, made swings, and were in trouble when they cut the horses' reins to make stilts. Alice remembers riding on calves. "We would take turns pulling the calves' tails to make them run." On Saturdays, the girls cleaned house, churned butter, listened to radio programs and did their Sunday School lessons. Church lessons involved a lot of memory work which Alice recited to her Dad. Even now she easily recalls the catechism having studied it MANY times. Although Alice, along with her older siblings never attended high school, she loved to read and still does. At age 15, Alice married and became mother of 3 girls and one boy. She was a very busy mother tending to a 2 year old daughter with polio and another daughter born deaf. This marriage ended in divorce. Later after only 2 weeks of classes, she earned her GED at Wichita Area Technical School, with the highest score in Wichita. Gerald came into her life in August of 1974 when Alice and 2 girlfriends attended an 'Over 28 Dance'. Gerald invited her to dance; they danced every dance following and then went to breakfast. When he called the next day, one of Alice's children answered and shouted, "Mom, Mom, it's a guy!" Gerald quickly learned of Alice's good cooking and she recalls, "Dating mostly involved Gerald coming over and I cooked." After pooling their money for a marriage license, they were married at Bethany Lutheran Church in Wichita on January 25th, 1975. Alice had worked at Cessna as a sheet metal worker for 14 years when she was laid off. As a 'dislocated worker', Cessna paid her to attend Butler College and she earned a medical secretary certification. She never worked in this field though, as on her graduation day, Cessna called her back. Laid off again only 2 months later, Alice was blessed when Boeing called her and she worked there for 10 years. At Boeing, her department with 100 people held a Thanksgiving dinner and Alice became famous for her turkey with gravy and dressing. In fact, six months after she retired, Boeing folks invited her to come back for the Thanksgiving party and said, 'bring your turkey, dressing and gravy'. Now Alice is famous for her chicken dumpling soup and grants many requests from family and church friends. Alice has always kept busy sewing for her family and for church projects. During Alice and Gerald's much loved 'square dance years', she sewed their matching shirts and dresses. After her retirement, she and Gerald attended a Home Show where Alice revealed that she had always desired to play an organ and she won free organ lessons! She has an exten-

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sive music library and will take requests from friends and family or demonstrates organs for Gorton Music Co. Gerald has commented “Those were the most expensive free lessons ever!” Always ready to try new things, recently Alice has become a fashion model for her favorite clothing store, Christopher Banks. Also she revealed that she would like to celebrate her upcoming birthday by skydiving!

Gerald was born on the family farm near Moore, Oklahoma, in tornado alley. First born with one brother and one sister, Gerald, a ten pound baby, was delivered by his Grama during a raging blizzard. The doctor arrived 2 weeks later. The Yoachum family lived in the St Clair Oil Camp, five miles from town. At two years of age, he was stricken with polio resulting in weak ankles. For his first job at the ripe age of 6, Gerald recalls his mom making saddlebags to use delivering newspapers on horseback for 50 cents a day. At 8, Gerald ran a trap line and carried a 22 rifle to shoot and sell skunk, possum, and muskrat hides. He made box traps to catch rabbits to sell live for five cents each. The family also ate lots of rabbit. Summers were spent on his grandparent’s farm. They attended a Nazarene church where the congregation would chant ‘Amen’, but Gerald and his brother, George, shouted “cave men”. Gerald was 9 or 10 when *those brothers* got into real trouble at church. The pastor had preached about the Devil appearing as a goat. Inspired, the brothers appropriated a black goat, pushed it through an open window into the church which scattered the congregation. When his dad began working at Tinker Air Force Base the family moved to Midwest City. Here he was baptized and confirmed in Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. In the city, Gerald was eleven when he and his brother shared a newspaper delivery route. They were up at 4 am to bicycle and deliver 120 morning papers, then after school, 80 evening papers. When Gerald turned 16, his dad bought an egg ranch with fenced yards for 400 free run chickens. He fed the birds, collected, cleaned, candled and cased the eggs. With a four am wake-up, Gerald drove to deliver 10 cases with 48 eggs each to a cafeteria before school. Somehow during high school he found time and energy to play junior varsity football on the defensive line. In 1959 Gerald graduated from Midwest City High School with a scholarship to University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond and he graduated with a teaching degree in biology. Gerald was married in 1962 and became father to an adopted son and a premature 1# 4 oz. son who lived only 97 days. This first marriage ended in divorce. Instilled young with a great work ethic, Gerald has worked many and varied jobs: hospital maintenance, finish carpenter, laborer breaking cement with a 100# jack hammer, oil field worker, rodeo bull rider, department store worker, Sheplers Hat Dept. manager, security company manager and lastly working 28 years at Cessna in security, as product expeditor, and parts scheduler. Gerald has volunteered with Boy Scouts for over 40 years. He has trained many 4-H children in shooting and presently one of his students will be in Olympic competition.

After living in Cheney, the Yoachums moved back to Wichita in 1992. Soon, sister Lydia ‘informed’ them they should attend Resurrection. They did, and joined our church in 1994 when worship attendance averaged 15 folks with a part time pastor. Gerald became church council president when Resurrection decided to grow and called a full time pastor, Tim Leaf. More recently Gerald served as liaison to the contractor during construction of our present building. Approving all change orders, the most memorable came after he alerted WELCA that the new kitchen was planned to be smaller than the pastor’s office! Gerald also expedited installation of the crosses above our narthex entry doors. Married over forty years, **Alice and Gerald** count 4 grandchildren, 3 step-grandkids, 8 great-grands, and 3 step-great-grands.

Pastor Norris Visits Resurrection

On January 31, 2016. Resurrection welcomed Pastor Shawn Norris from Lutheran Campus Ministry at Kansas University to worship with us. An offering of healthy snack items and financial gifts were received to help supply the Campus Ministry's Food Pantry. Pastor Shawn explained that Lutheran Campus Ministry has a coffeehouse outreach with students at the University of Kansas, Haskell Indian Nations University, and Johnson County Community College. Every evening (Sunday through Thursday) students from different denominations and faith traditions gather for free food, study space, service opportunities, worship, prayer, and more. The student run food pantry housed at Lutheran Campus Ministry helps feed hungry students, staff, and neighbors. This vital mission with young adults relies on donations from congregations and friends. Pastor Shawn announced with joy that the Lutheran Campus Ministry at last has a permanent location on the KU campus to better reach out to any and all.

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Welcome, New Members

On January 23, Resurrection welcomed four families into our church family: Richard & Naomi Adams; Layne, Sandra, Kinley & Andrew Pike; Barbara & Robert Shick; Andrea, Elizabeth, Wes & Wesley Shockey.



Parishioners were decked out in school colors and attire to help welcome Pastor Shawn Norris.

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First Communion

On Palm Sunday, March 20th, eleven of our youth took their first communion; Adam Deutscher, Colton Doll, Zane Gill, Brylie Christensen, Madison Clevenger, MaKena Hampton, Jordan Vogt, Allison Vogt, Aeris McIntire, Haylee Marshall, and Adelise Falconburg. They attended first communion class the Saturday before where they learned about communion and baked communion bread.

