



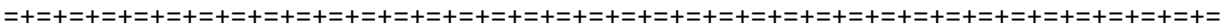
# RESURRECTION REFLECTIONS

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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;

Happy New Year! As we look into the New Year ahead of us, I am excited for all the opportunities we have here at Resurrection. It seems that all of our teams and committees are geared up and ready to approach 2017 with some great ideas for us to "Live the Faith! Lift High the Cross!"



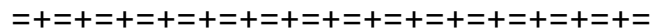
The JOY (Jesus, Others, You) Team has been working to plan an event each month that focuses on the ways we can steward our resources toward Jesus, others, and ourselves. In the last few months of 2016 the focus was on Others and for the next few months the focus has shifted to You. In February there will be a ministry fair to showcase the various teams and committees of RLC and the ways that you can get involved. If you would like to help on the JOY team or have any suggestions, please do not hesitate to join the after worship meetings.

As we celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the reformation this year, there are many opportunities to get involved. There will be a festival worship service following the synod assembly on June 10 in Kansas City with

Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton preaching. All are invited to attend, There will also be a day dedicated to celebrating the reformation at Bethany in Lindsborg at the end of October. One thing that I am excited about is the challenge to plant 500 trees throughout the synod during the year. Martin Luther's words "Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree." will be printed on commemorative bricks to be placed with the trees that are planted. For each tree that is planted, the congregation will receive grant money to plant another tree with a ministry partner. I have spoken to Camp Tomah Shinga and they have the perfect place for the trees that will help us to remember Martin Luther and the Reformation. If you are interested in helping with the project, please contact me.

Peace and Blessings,

*Pr. Elizabeth Cummings*



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## Living Lutheran

(from the January Area 5 Newsletter)

During the year of the Reformation's 500th anniversary, *Living Lutheran* begins a series in which 500 items about the Reformation and its spirit and impact will be highlighted. Over the course of the next 10 issues, 500 unique aspects of the Reformation, beginning this month with 50 wide-ranging quotes, will be explored. This list is not meant as an all-encompassing compendium of everything essential to the Reformation and its theology, but rather as a glimpse of the variety of ways the movement that Martin Luther sparked in 1517 would influence the history of the world.



"In short, I will preach it, teach it, write it, but I will constrain no one by force, for faith must come freely without compulsion. Take myself as an example. I opposed indulgences and all the papists, but never with force. I simply taught, preached and wrote God's Word; otherwise I did nothing. And while I slept, or drank Wittenberg beer with my friends Philipp and Amsdorf, the Word ... did everything."

Martin Luther (1483-1546)

Luther used humor to express his theological ideas in all sorts of ways. Perhaps it's because he struggled with melancholy as well as profoundest opposition to his passionately held ideas; his humor served as a life raft keeping his spirits and Spirit buoyed."

Jane Voigts, pastor, comedian, writer

"The true treasure of the church is the most holy gospel of the glory and grace of God."

Martin Luther

"When he asked why he got married, Luther responded that "his marriage would please his father, rile the pope, cause the angels to laugh, and the devils to weep."

Terry Lindvall, author, *God Mocks*

"The first thing I ask is that people should not make use of my name, and should not call themselves Lutherans, but Christians. What is Luther? The teaching is not mine. Nor was I crucified for anyone. St. Paul, in 1 Corinthians 3, would not tolerate Christians calling themselves Pauls or Peters, but only Christians. How did I, poor stinking bag of maggots that I am, come to the point where people call the children of Christ by my evil name?"

Martin Luther

"God is decreeing to begin some new and great period in His Church, even to the reforming of the Reformation itself."

John Milton (1608-74)

"If, unfortunately, there are things in Rome which cannot be improved, there is not—nor can there be! —any reason for tearing oneself away from the church in schism. Rather, the worse things become, the more one should help her and stand by her, for by schism and contempt nothing can be mended."

Martin Luther

"He [Luther] took his shots at the system, yet he also lived up to all the reforms he pushed through. The people listened to him because they could see Luther laboring to bring Christianity back to the point where Christ had established it—a simple faith in God, a direct relationship with Christ, contentment with the calling God gives each individual, and living righteously in the midst of the world."

David C. Mayes, professor

"The church needs a reformation which is not the work of man, namely the pope, or of many men, namely the cardinals, both of which the most recent council has demonstrated, but it is the work of the whole world, indeed it is the work of God alone. However, only God who has created time knows the time for this reformation."

Martin Luther

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## LUTHER'S ROSE

(archival information for plaque, Resurrection Lutheran Church, Haysville, KS)

### Luther's interpretation of his seal

In a July 8, 1530 letter to Lazarus Spengler, Luther interprets his seal:

Grace and peace from the Lord. As you desire to know whether my painted seal, which you sent to me, has hit the mark, I shall answer most amiably and tell you my original thoughts and reason about why my seal is a symbol of my theology. The first should be a black cross in a heart, which retains its natural color, so that I myself would be reminded that faith in the Crucified saves us. "For one who believes from the heart will be justified" (Romans 10:10). Although it is indeed a black cross, which mortifies and which should also cause pain, it leaves the heart in its natural color. It does not corrupt nature, that is, it does not kill but keeps alive. "The just shall live by faith" (Romans 1:17) but by faith in the crucified. Such a heart should stand in the middle of a white rose, to show that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace. In other words, it places the believer into a white, joyous rose, for this faith does not give peace and joy like the world gives (John 14:27). That is why the rose should be white and not red, for white is the color of the spirits and the angels (cf. Matthew 28:3; John 20:12). Such a rose should stand in a sky-blue field, symbolizing that such joy in spirit and faith is a beginning of the heavenly future joy, which begins already, but is grasped in hope, not yet revealed. And around this field is a golden ring, symbolizing that such blessedness in Heaven lasts forever and has no end. Such blessedness is exquisite, beyond all joy and goods, just as gold is the most valuable, most precious and best metal. This is my compendium theologiae [summary of theology]. I have wanted to show it to you in good friendship, hoping for your appreciation. May Christ, our beloved Lord, be with your spirit until the life hereafter. Amen.[1][2]



<http://www.trinitysheraden.com/LutherSeal.htm>

### Notes from the Artist:

The inspiration came from a conversation with then-pastor Tim Leaf regarding the scarcity of Luther's Rose in most present-day Lutheran churches. The original pattern (as depicted to the right) was taken from a book of Pastor Leaf's. Archival information: Pine plaque, 14" diameter, purchased at Hobby Lobby, surface prepared with incremental sanding, 3 coats of gesso, and multiple coats of each color acrylic paints, then preserved with a final coat of clear polyurethane varnish. Its presentation in 2008 to Resurrection Lutheran Church *in Honor of* Derek Bryce Johnson and Nicklas Robert Johnson and *in Memory of* Barry Lee Johnson and Brent Aaron Johnson.



Anita Johnson, Decorative and Ornamental Painting & Design certificate from Wichita State University School of Art and Design, 2000

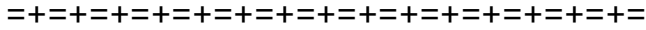






THE MORE THAT YOU **READ,**  
THE MORE THINGS YOU WILL **KNOW.**  
THE MORE THAT YOU **LEARN,**  
THE MORE PLACES YOU'LL **GO.**

--Dr. Seuss



**2017 Confirmation Classes Begin**



Emma Atcheson, Avery Schill, Ellie Bock, Natasha Braun, Aubrey Gill, Carlie Schill, Derick Marshall, Emery Evans.

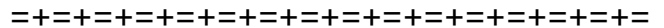
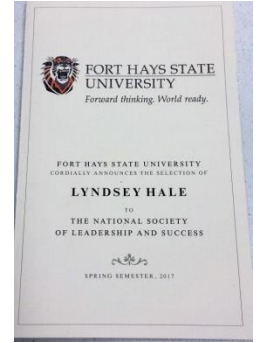
Include these students in your prayers as they study, and increase their faith leading to the affirmation of their baptismal vows. Confirmands meet with Pastor Elizabeth for study Sundays at 6:00 pm.



Pastor Elizabeth presented Lutheran Study Bibles to Aubrey Gill and Carlie Schill, first year confirmation students.

**Congratulations, Lyndsey!**

Lyndsey Hale, an on-line student at Fort Hays State University has been recognized and honored by the university. She has been selected to the National Society of Leadership and Success. Lyndsey's major is in Human Services with a minor in Gerontology.



**LOVE IS A VERB**

Love God above all others, love others and forgive  
Love neighbors and your enemies. "Do this," Christ said, "and live."  
Love is not an emotion, talked about with hearts and flowers.  
Not a picture to sigh over but a verb with mighty powers.

We can't just think about it. It is something we must DO!  
It's the work that we've been given, not to them but me and you.  
Not done for one time only, then forever left undone.  
It's a lifelong job that we must do shown to us by God's own Son.

Our family, friends, and loved ones whom we hold within our hearts,  
The neighbor who we see in need, this is where the action starts.  
The homeless, hurt, and hungry, all the lost, ignored, and poor  
We must help them, hold them, love them, and hold wide our open door.

The bully and betrayer who our trust and hearts have broken,  
"Pray for them and love them", is the Word that Christ has spoken.  
We may not change their actions, or their deeds both old and new.  
That's not our job description, we leave that for God to do.

But we can change ourselves into who God wants us to be;  
The child of God who lives and loves others unstintingly.  
When doing what is asked of us; "help others", "love", and "pray",  
We're following the will of God, and walking in God's Way.

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Wanda G. Black  
January 25, 2017



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**Ash Wednesday Soup Supper**

Women of ELCA/WELCA will again host their annual Ash Wednesday soup supper on Wednesday, March 1 from 6-7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This will be followed by worship services at 7 p.m.



The Ash Wednesday soup supper is a fund raiser with money going to scholarships for our youth to Camp Tomah Shinga this summer. The cost of camp fees has gone up and so this fund raiser event is very important. All families and friends are invited to join us for delicious soups, breads, and desserts and make a generous free will offering.

The soup supper offering is not to be confused with the offerings taken during Lenten Wednesday evening worship services. These offerings will be designated for other charities. Soup suppers will precede Lenten services and these are NOT WELCA fund raisers and there no charges.

**Community Thanksgiving Worship**

Resurrection's choir participated in the Haysville Ministerial Association's Community Thanksgiving service which was held at West Haysville Baptist Church.

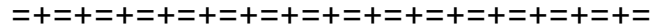


**Choir notes**

Make a joyful noise and join the choir! The choir meets at 6:30 each Thursday evening for 1 hour. The choir sings the first and third Sunday of each month .

Great voices are not required, but enjoying good company is. High school age youth are invited to attend. Several pieces are rehearsed each week so that it is possible to miss an occasional practice and still participate. We're now working on music to be performed through Easter.

Come and See...you'll be glad you did!



**Women of the ELCA Triennial Registration**  
**Registration is now open** for the Tenth Triennial Gathering, July 13-16, 2017,

at the Minneapolis Convention Center in Minneapolis, Minn. Women of the ELCA are real women talking about our faith. About our doubts and challenges. About joy and what in-spires us. We'll experience simple conversations be-tween friends—old and new—that will develop into a movement sweeping the church, inspired and infused with the Holy Spirit. For more information check out the Triennial websites at [www.welcatg.org](http://www.welcatg.org)

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## **Youth Ministry Chili Cook-off & Dessert Auction**

The annual Chili Cook-off and Dessert Auction was a huge success. There were nine different pots of various types of chili to taste and judge. There were almost 50 desserts to bid for during the lively auction. The youth were energetic and enthusiastic servers and auction helpers. Good eats and much fun was had by the record crowd. Best of all, over \$800 was raised for future Youth Ministry activities and travel.



Front: Donovan Braun, Gracie, Emma Atcheson, Madison Clevenger, Brynna Christiansen, Back: Zoe Deutscher, Carlie & Avery Schill, Natasha Braun, Allison Clevenger



Chili Cook-off Winners:  
3<sup>rd</sup> place - Donna Tibbets,  
2<sup>nd</sup> place— Lyndsey Hale,  
1st place and repeat champion, Kris Atcheson.



Pam Porsch, organizer

## **Women of the ELCA**

WELCA Fall Bazaar Nov. 11 & 12

Homemade is the hallmark of our WELCA's Holiday Bazaar featuring homemade crafts and decorations, breakfast and lunch, along with gift baskets. The proceeds help send RLC's youth to summer camp.



Alice Yoachum, Lois Hickman, Marge Dulaney



Ruth Miller



Vicki Larsen, Donelle Frawley

## YMT at Youth Quake

by Karolyn Braun

Emma Atcheson, Natasha Braun and Aubrey Gill, accompanied by Karolyn Braun attended Youth Quake on Feb. 3-5 at the Wichita Hyatt. The theme was FOUND, which is based on Luke 15: 6b 'Rejoice with me, I have FOUND my lost sheep'. Themed music and personal reflection along with tasty food are important parts of the weekend.

I had a great time at Youth Quake! My first expectation of Youth Quake was a 7 and turned out to be a fantastic 10! Before the trip I was really stressed about all of the homework I would have when I returned home. I knew that when I would be coming back I would have three big projects to finish in one day. I do admit I wanted to back out at the last moment because of all the overwhelming stress I was feeling at the moment. I reluctantly went on the trip still thinking about the homework I would have to finish. Packer Dave was a speaker who made a huge impact on me. He was talking about God, and his stories were so realistic that it felt as if you were actually there. I cannot explain how much more closer I felt to God on this tiny but wonderful trip! I forgot all about my homework and remembered for the first time in a long time what was really important. Words cannot explain how much I needed a trip like this to just help me remember how much God has done for us. I have been straying away from God and when Packer Dave told us to do one thing for him I decided it might be okay to do it. He told us our homework was to scream in the mirror as loud as you can "I am beautiful because I am his!" At first I thought why would we do that? Then when we got back to the room Karolyn, Natasha, Aubrey and I went to the big bathroom mirror and counted to three. We all had to look at ourselves and only ourselves when we said this. "We are beautiful because we are his!" We screamed it to the top of our lungs. Right there on the spot I just wanted to cry. I had never felt like this before in my life. Because I am Chinese and adopted, I feel different from others. This was the first time I felt like it didn't matter about appearance because God loves each and every one of us no matter what. Words cannot explain how much happiness I felt. I am so grateful that we were able to go on the Youth Quake trip.



- Emma Atcheson

I had a wonderful time at Youth Quake. Some of the things we did were workshops called treks, praise and worship, and listened to our speaker, Tiffany (pictured left). The treks I went to were about (1) tackling tough questions such as "Is it right to tell other people their religion is wrong?"; (2) filling food bags for people in the Philippines; and (3) learning what it means to be a daughter of the God our King. My favorite part was listening to Tiffany speak. Thank you again for supporting the youth so we can go to learning events like Youth Quake.



- Natasha Braun

From February 3rd through the 5th, Natasha Braun, Emma Atcheson and I stayed at the Hyatt in Wichita for Youth Quake 2017. When we arrived, we put away our luggage and went to the Friday Night Fiesta. That's when the group leaders (Karolyn) went to a meeting and us kids made up handshakes, played "Would You Rather" and played "Human Twister."



The next day we woke up and went downstairs where Lloyd and his band (pictured above) were playing and singing morning songs; this was fun! After that we went to our treks. Our treks were: Media and the Mind with Chuck, Food Packaging with Tillie, and What's the Point with Packer Dave. That day we also figured out the riddle and won a free CD. At lunch, Tyler (the drummer) ate lunch with us. That night at dinner, Tiffany (a speaker) had dinner with us. After dinner, Emma and I dressed up for Crazy Dress Night. Crazy Dress Night involved games and songs. It was a LOT of fun. We played Uno and it took us 40 minutes to finish! Throughout the weekend, Tiffany Thompson shared inspiring speeches. In her last speech, she even mentioned Emma, Natasha, and me. When we woke up on Sunday we were SOOOO tired but SOOOO excited to get back to church in time to share our favorite times with our family and friends. Thank you Resurrection Lutheran for this experience!

- Aubrey Gill







### **Property Committee Update**

by Rory Cummings

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is hard to believe that it is another new year! 2016 flew by and we now look to 2017 projects! First, a huge thank you to everyone for their generous contributions towards the parking lot repairs. The congregation was able to raise the \$9,000 in about 2 and a half months. The next steps are to get updated bids and ensure the points that were raised during the congregational meeting are addressed. The repairs will likely take place around early spring. Be on the lookout for further information.

On February 12<sup>th</sup> following the service, the Committee hosted a Valentine’s Brunch. The menu included egg casseroles, fruit, juice, and milk. The proceeds will be used for the various projects around the church. We thank all that were able to join us!

As we look towards the new year, there are still a lot of things the Property Committee has planned. Be on the lookout for the annual spring and fall clean-up days, our February Valentine’s Brunch, Oktoberfest fall fundraiser, and some other various projects, 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



### **Breakfast at St Paul Lutheran**

Very early on the Saturday following Thanksgiving, 17 hearty folks gathered at St Paul in Wichita to prepare and serve an 8:00 am breakfast. There were eggs to crack and scramble, pancakes to flip, juices and coffee to pour and the serving line to prepare. It was a joyous task for Resurrection friends to work together and serve over 200 grateful guests. Our Prayer and Care Team as well as Thrivent Financial helped fund this event.



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Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them, and do not hide from relatives who need your help.  
Isaiah 58:10

## **Spotlight on Jim & Kim Frickey**



*Where were you born; tell us about your siblings, a favorite story of childhood.*

Jim – I was born in McPherson Ks. When I was 12 years old, we moved to Sulpher LA, but only lived there for a little under two years. We then moved to Almena Ks, which is a small town in the Northwest part of the state. The population of Almena was around 550 when we first moved there. It has since dwindled to around 400. Because I lived in Almena during my Jr High and High School years, that's where I'd say that I grew up. I have one older brother, two older sisters and one younger sister. This isn't really a story from my childhood, it's more of a memory. My family enjoyed camping, boating and fishing. I remember many fun weekends camping at Kanopolis and Milford lakes here in Kansas. We had a favorite campsite at Milford that we always used. It became like a second neighborhood during the summer months. And we camped out the old fashion way.... in an old canvas tent. Waking up to a warm campfire and the smell of bacon and eggs is one my most vivid childhood memories.

Kim – I was born in Alma NE. I lived on a farm in Woodruff Ks. That was my only childhood home. Woodruff was an unincorporated town with a population of about 20, which consisted of maybe 8 houses spread out over a couple miles. Woodruff is literally in the middle of nowhere. The nearest town was seven miles away, Long Island Ks, but with a population of 160 there wasn't much there either. I went to High School in Almena, which was 17 miles away and we did most of our business in Alma NE, which was 11 miles away. When I got older, I also worked summer jobs in Alma. I have one older brother. It's hard to narrow it to one childhood story (Throwing a knife at my brother, burning down our three car garage, tearing up my Dad's brand new tractor seat, and many more), but my favorite story was about Freddy. Freddy lived in one of the houses near the old school house. Freddy, who was much older than us, was deaf and dumb. Many times, my brother and I would meet up with three boys who lived in town and ride our bikes to Freddy's house. We played mostly at the old school house and on the playground equipment. The joy we brought to Freddy is a great and fond memory of my childhood.

***Where did you go to school and church; where were you baptized, confirmed?***

Jim – Our school district was a consolidated district (Northern Valley). I went to Jr High in Long Island and High School in Almena. I was baptized at Trinity Lutheran in McPherson. As a kid growing up, I didn't attend church regularly. I would occasionally go to whatever church was within walking distance of my house. I started attending church with Kim after we started dating in High School. I didn't attend a confirmation class as a child. But as an adult, I took a similar type of class at Alvin Lutheran Church in Alvin Tx.

Kim – I also attend Northern Valley schools. I went to Long Island Ks for elementary and Jr High and then to Almena for High School. I was baptized and confirmed at Peace Lutheran Church in Alma NE.

An interesting note about our high school was the size. Jim graduated in 1983 with 19 kids in his class. Kim graduated in 1985 and only had 13 kids in her class.

## **\*\*SPOTLIGHT\*\***

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*Please share the best or funniest memory of school/growing up.*

Jim – There are so many funny stories from High School, but the one that seems to come up most often when reminiscing with old friends is the story of the ‘Sid’s Fiat’. Sid, our classmate, drove a bright green Fiat X-19. We referred to Sid’s car as the Frog. Like all typical High School kids, we liked to mess with peoples cars when left unattended and the Frog was such an inviting target. Sid made the mistake of leaving his car parked in the school parking lot with the doors unlocked. Sid returned to find the Frog moved to a different location and parked sideways in the stall. Of course that made Sid mad, but not mad enough to move the Frog. Instead, he just locked the doors and left again. With a manual transmission and steering wheel lock, I’m sure he thought the Frog would be fine. Well, it turns out that three or four high school kids can completely lift (and turn) the front end of a Fiat X-19. It’s also possible to reach under the car and shift the transmission into neutral. Somehow, the Frog managed to find its way into a horse corral about ¼ mile North of town. Sid returned to find his car missing and was fuming. By that time, my buddies and I had gathered around our local tennis court and were watch/chatting with our two high school coaches who were playing tennis. Well, eventually Sid found the Frog and came screaming around the corner in a bright green blur. He jumped the small curb, drove across the grass and skidded to a stop right in the middle of the tennis court. He hopped out yelling something. To be honest, we were all laughing too hard to know what he was saying. I still remember to this day the looks on the faces of our two coaches who had no idea what had taken place.

Then there’s the story of how I botched my 1<sup>st</sup> communion. As I had mentioned, I didn’t start going to church regularly until Kim and I started dating in high school. Consequently, I had never taken communion. One Sunday at Peace Lutheran in Alma, Kim asked if I wanted to take communion. I did, but I didn’t know what I was supposed to do. Kim said, “No problem. Just do what I do.” At Peace Lutheran, parishioners went to the front of the church in groups of about 20 and knelt at a long alter. The Pastor started at one end and worked down the alter distributing the hosts, which happened to be wafers that day. The communion assists followed behind the Pastor with the wine. When it was our turn, I knelt down beside Kim and waited for my turn. I saw the Pastor give Kim a wafer and then move to me. I took my wafer and immediately looked at Kim to see what I was supposed to do. Kim was kneeling patiently with her hand folded waiting for the wine, so that’s what I did as well. However, I missed the part where you’re supposed to put the wafer into your mouth. While I was looking at the Pastor to receive my wafer, that’s when Kim put hers into her mouth so I missed seeing that part. The wine was then distributed in individual cups. By that time, I figured out that I had screwed up by not eating the wafer. However, I didn’t want to look dumb by not doing things like everyone else so I secretly concealed the wafer in my hand while I received and consumed the wine. After we had finished communion, I inconspicuously slipped the wafer into my pocket while we returned to our pew. I did eventually eat the wafer. Although, it wasn’t until after church and we were walking to our car that I, again inconspicuously, slipped the wafer into my mouth. So that’s how I screwed up my 1<sup>st</sup> communion. I’ve often wondered if that one counted. Or whether it might be considered sacrilegious to carry Jesus’ around in your pocket for a while.

Kim – We had a science teacher who was easily diverted onto tangents that had nothing to do with science. His name was Mr. Smith. I might also add that Mr. Smith was an avid hunter and fisherman. We would often find ways to ask questions in class that promoted discussion of hunting and fishing. We talked him into bringing his fishing lures to class so we could see them. We were in the science lab listening to him describe each lure in detail. I loved to wear dangly earrings even back then. On that particular day, the earrings I was wearing somewhat resembled some of his fishing lures. Without him knowing, I placed one of my earrings into his tackle box. He eventually worked his way to that area of the tackle box and picked up my earring. Without missing a beat, he started to explain what that particular lure was used for and then paused..... “Wait a minute. What is this?” When I said, “Hey, that looks like my earring”, the class had quite the laugh.



## **\*\* SPOTLIGHT \*\***

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### ***Where did you meet? Where were you married?***

Our school was so small, that we knew of each other when Jim first attended Northern Valley, which was his 7<sup>th</sup> grade year. We started dating when Jim was a Sr and Kim was a Sophomore. Our relationship started when all of the Cheerleaders needed Football Player boyfriends. It actually started out as a game and the rest is history..... We were married at Peace Lutheran Church in Alma Ne in 1985.

### ***Where have you lived?***

After we were married, we lived in Lawrence Ks with our two kids (Tysen and Josh), until Jim graduated in 1991. At that time, the aerospace industry was in a downturn and jobs were hard to find. We moved back home and Jim worked for Kim's Dad, Stan Hickman, on the farm. Kim managed the pool in Alma. In February of 1992, Jim got his first job as an Instructor on the Space Station Program at the Johnson Space Center (NASA) in Houston Tx. We lived in nearby Alvin Tx. While it was great to get that first job, the timing wasn't the best. Kim was due to have Lucas two weeks after we moved to Texas. It was stressful, but we made it work.

While working at NASA might seem like the dream job for an Aerospace Engineer, living in the deep South wasn't something we enjoyed. We met some lifelong friends there, but the bugs, humidity, snakes and fire ants were dreadful. In the fall of 1993, Jim got the opportunity to move back to Kansas and work at Cessna Aircraft. That's when we moved to Clearwater. Colin was born in the fall of 1994.

### ***Describe jobs have you held through your career, including your first job.***

Jim – My first job was an irrigator for my cousin in Alma. I changed the water twice a day for \$1/hr. I was only 13 so it seems like a lot of money. During high school I worked for a gas station/lumber yard in Alma. I also worked for the local grain elevator during my first couple of summers home from college. After we were married, I worked at a marina on the lake by Alma when we were home for the summers. During college I officiated basketball, football and baseball and even delivered pizzas to make ends meet. My career jobs are noted above.

Kim – Besides babysitting and cooking on the farm, I was a lifeguard or pool manager for 9 years. This job worked well because my Grandmother Tena could babysit during the summer months. Once the kids started school, I was a CNA at the assisted living center in Clearwater. I also worked as a Para at the Clearwater High School. Since 2002, I've worked at the Northwest Chiropractic Clinic. I've been the office manager at the clinic since 2008.

### ***What brought you to Clearwater and to Resurrection? When?***

When Jim started his job at Cessna, we were looking in all the small towns around the area. A high school classmate of Kim's lived in Clearwater and really recommended the town and the school system. We started to attend Resurrection shortly after Pastor Leaf was called there. We had actually visited Resurrection a couple years prior when the church didn't have a permanent pastor. Once Pastor Leaf arrived, several Clearwater folks (including Donnell Frawley and Joy Peterson) invited us back to meet the new Pastor. We've been members ever since.

### ***Tell about your favorite hobbies/pass times.***

Jim – I've always loved sports (coaching, officiating, playing). I was one of the original 5 board members that started the Clearwater Youth Football program. I even organized and played in an adult football league when I was in my mid 30's. I might add the only concussion I ever had (which included playing some football in college) came at the hands of our very own Aaron Tjaden. I started coaching high school football in 2001 and I'm looking forward to my 17<sup>th</sup> season at Clearwater High School. Outside of sports, I enjoy building and fixing things. With four boys, I've had many opportunities to fix things over the years.

Kim – When the kids were young, I enjoyed finding fun learning activities for them. I enjoy movies and travel. Although I didn't have much time for it, I enjoyed flowers and landscaping. And I've always LOVED shopping!!

## \*\*SPOTLIGHT\*\*

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For both of us, we really enjoy watching our kids and grandkids participate in various activities. Besides the usual football, basketball, baseball games, we've watched our kids participate in a wide variety of unique activities:

Collegiate Soccer	Sky Diving	Children's Theatre	Rugby
Bull Riding	Gymnastics	BMX	Wrestling
Show Choir	State Track	Roller Hockey	Volleyball
Indoor Soccer	Collegiate Football	Archery	Band

### *Can you share your plans, hopes, dreams for the future?*

Jim - Well, I've planned to hit the lottery for several years now, but that hasn't worked out so well. My real plan is to finish my professional career at Cessna and retire right here in Clearwater. I don't know that I have any dreams anymore. I just want to hang on until retirement. My hope is that I'll be able to retire with sufficient income. We're planning to build a house on our land East of Clearwater, so I guess that my next dream.

Kim - I want to enjoy family and friends. Hopefully build a house soon and travel some. I want to go through all of life's ups and downs with Jim by my side.

### *Following are some other Frickey Highlights:*

Two sons were born while we were in college at the University of Kansas. We were fortunate to have access to KU's facilities

1986, Tysen was born in Alma Nebraska. Tysen did not talk so he was in a program for preschoolers with language barriers. The program was state of the art. KU's language preschool teacher traveled all over to teach their methods. Tysen made amazing improvements.

1988, Joshua was born in Lawrence Kansas. Josh was born with a heart condition, stomach and esophagus issues. KU med center was a blessing for us and the doctors there helped get us through Josh's heart failure, failure to thrive and esophagus issues. Lawrence was close to Kansas City so Jim and Tysen could visit Josh and me in the hospital, as we were there a lot Josh's first year of life. Josh did not eat and was fed with tubes till he was three. KU had a special program for kids with disabilities. Two kids to one teacher, it was a blessing for Josh to be able to socialize and play with other kids with all his tubes. Many may have thought it was terrible with all those issues in college but I believe for our family it was a blessing.

1992, Lucas was born in Naussea Bay, Texas. Born two weeks after we moved to Texas, we were not sure what we would do with the boys during the delivery. The hospital had a special class for siblings to be present during the birth. This hospital was very prepared for the siblings to be present during the entire birth process. We prepared for this because we were not sure if my parents would be there. It was a fantastic experience: the boys layed on each side of me in the bed, held my hands and blew in my face. Some spit landed on my face as they helped we blow through contractions without an epidural. All I could think is how sweet these two little boys were to help their mama through labor. After Lucas was born the nurses brought in a birthday cake and balloons. Another great experience because of where God put us at what seemed to some as a tough time.

1994, Colin was born in Wichita Kansas. At about six months of age he started developing different skin spots. His Pediatrician diagnosed him with Neurofibromatosis . We did not believe this so after a few more doctors we found one that knew what it was, Linear Epidermal Nevus. Colin has had several surgeries to get rid of some of the lesions but his disease could have been much worse. We were thankful to be in a small town all his life where his friends accepted him and kind of even forgot about his spots. It was just Colin. They even defended him against other kids from other schools that teased him. Our plan worked and Colin flourished in Clearwater, a place the Lord put us.

Now, Kim's parents and our grandchildren live with us. To some it may seem impossible and definitely tough at times but to me.....It is SUCH A BLESSING!! Comment added by Azure: Azure has been a SUCH A BLESSING to church and family and all of us love her!!

We believe that we need to always stay positive and faithful and God will see us through. Sometimes in life things may seem kind of tough. However, many times a person can look back and see what a blessing it actually was.