



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;

While summer is often thought to be a slow time in the life of a congregation, Resurrection has been busy over the past few months.



Synod Assembly at the beginning of June was in Kansas City. Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton was the keynote speaker. It was wonderful to get to know her, hear her preach and teach, and connect with the other congregations that make up our synod.

Vacation Bible School was at the end of June and we were fortunate to have dedicated volunteers who made each day memorable for the kids of our congregation. One of the things I enjoy each year is seeing how our church is transformed with decorations to make a fun learning environment for kids and adults who attend.

Resurrection had a float in this year's Haysville 4th of July parade. Thank you to all who helped to decorate the float and walked or rode in the parade. I counted over 25 members of Resurrection dressed in their Red, White and Blue for the occasion. The work of the church council this year is to focus on being more visible in our community. One way that we are trying to accomplish this is by participating in City events.

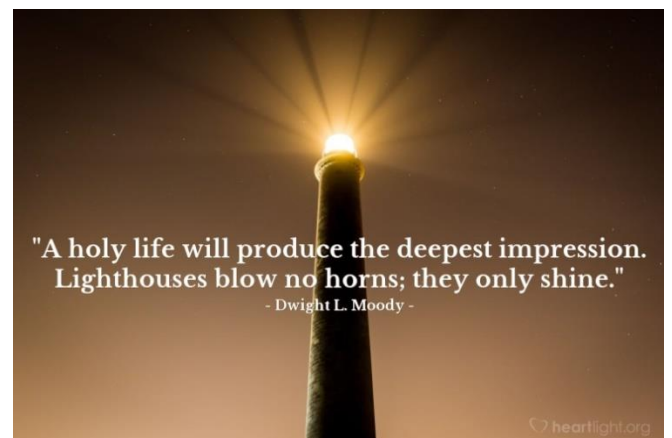
Look for the RLC float and booth at the Fall Festival in October.

We have planted and dedicated a tree at the church to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. We plan to plant the next tree with USD 261 at the new school being built on the south side of 71st Street. Visible from the church, so we can watch it grow.

Please note that there has been a change of plans for the Reformation 500 events to take place in KS in October. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the Camp Tomah Shinga Fall Festival on October 28th with a special worship service to observe the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. More details to come as the service is planned. If you would like to help or volunteer, please let me know.

Peace and Blessings,

Pr. Elizabeth Cummings



Council Notes

by Barry Schroeder, Council President



Left to right; Pastor Elizabeth Cummings, Barry Schroeder, Shari Jordan, Bob Shick, Robert Nunn, Lisa Atcheson, Rick Clements, Karolyn Braun, Loretta Holmes

Each year Council tries to select something to focus on for the year. This year the discussion at the Council Retreat narrowed to three things; visibility in the community, outreach and fellowship opportunities. These things all share some common threads.

Council recognized that RLC participation in some of the community events has diminished the last few years. To help re-energize some of these activities Council decided to take on the leadership and organization role for the 4th of July Parade (see article on page 10), the Fall Festival Parade, Fall Festival Booth and work with other committees for God's Work Our Hands Sunday.

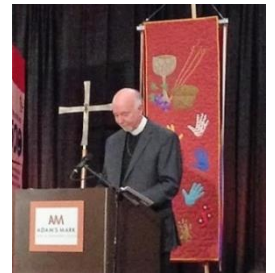
For the fellowship opportunities Council decided it would like to organize some type of activity or event for each quarter. The first event was going to see 'The Shack' together as a group. (see article on page 9). The second event was taking in the Wichita Wingnuts vs Sioux Falls Canaries baseball game (see article on page 9). The next event will be a dual outreach and fellowship event for God's Work Our Hands Sunday (*we can have some fun while we work can't we*). Discussions are starting for a fourth quarter event, stay tuned for more information.

Central States Synod Assembly

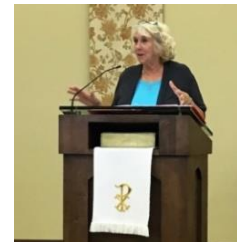
More than 375 voting members and visitors gathered from congregations across Kansas and Missouri to attend the 2017 Synod Assembly in Kansas City, MO on June 8–10. Special guest Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, encouraged those attending to study Luther's Small Catechism and hear the words of grace that free us in our vocations as disciples of Christ. Each congregation received a copy of Luther's Small Catechism in the time capsule they were given by Team 500 to help us observe the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.



Bishop Elizabeth Eaton



CSS Bishop Roger Gustafson



RLC Delegates: Barry Schroeder and Loretta Holmes



Synod Assembly, Closing Worship



Tressa Vogt, Noreen Sholts, Barry Schroeder, Evelyn Clark, Loretta Holmes, Clark Sholts

Choir Notes

by Evelyn Clark

Summer choir continues with the group singing at the worship service on August 20th. We'll sing a familiar hymn and all are welcome to join in. Rehearsal will be at 8:30 that morning.



Regular choir rehearsal will begin Thursday, September 7th at 6:30 at the church and we'll sing on Sunday, the 17th. **We have great teen-age singers and we encourage you to come and sing.** Since we all have occasional commitments that prevent us from attending a rehearsal, we work on several songs each week. Make plans to join our choir in making joyful noises to the Lord along with great fellowship, fun, and anthems which add to our worship service.



“I have no use for cranks who despise music, because it is a gift of God. Music drives away the Devil and makes people joyful; they forget thereby all wrath, unchastity, arrogance, and the like. Next after theology, I give to music the highest place and the greatest honor.”
- Martin Luther

New Candle Stick Holders

Have you noticed the candle stick holder that is mounted and in service? Thanks to Bob & Barb Slick for their kind gift to our congregation.



Baptisms

On June 11 we celebrated the baptism of Ryan Gaynor.



On July 9 we celebrated the baptism of Layla and Xander Carlson

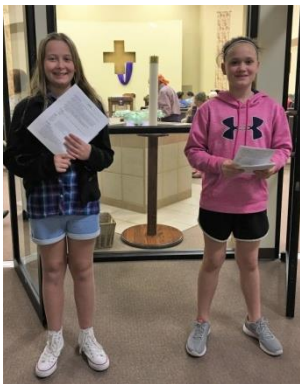


We also welcome Aimee Carlson to our church family through Affirmation of Baptism on July 9.



Mid-Week Lenten Services

This year Resurrection's Confirmation students were 'in charge' of the mid-week Lenten services. They served as lectors, ushers, or crucifers and also presented the homily as a skit. Each week in a present day studio broadcast complete with commercials, Martin Luther visited to be interviewed about his life and times. The skits were upbeat and our congregation was asking where they could purchase 'Good Works Calculators', 'Wash Your Sins Away Hand Cream' or B.I.B.L.E. Vitamins. This year our Lenten offerings supported the Haysville Ministerial Association.



Worship the Lord your God, and his blessing will be on your food and water. I will take away sickness from among you. Exodus 23:25

Youth Sunday

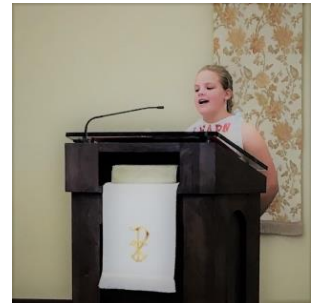
Resurrection is blessed with confirmation students who planned and conducted the worship service in an excellent manner on May 21st, Youth Sunday.



Grayson Sample, Natasha & Donovan Braun, Carlie Schill, Derrick Marshall, Emery Evans, Emma Atcheson, Avery Schill



Avery Schill, Gospel Reader



Carlie Schill gave the sermon



Natasha Braun, Derrick Marshall, Cantors

Tomah Shinga Campers

This summer there are 16 RLC campers. WELCA helps families with camping fees, and those dollars are possible with the congregation's generous support of WELCA's Book & Bake Sale and Holiday Bazaar.



Taeden Marshall, Emery Evans, Carlie & Landon Schill, Ellie Bock, Derick & Haylee Marshall, Avery Schill, Emma Atcheson



A thank you report from Emma: This was my 3rd year going to Camp Tomah Shinga. The first year I went and never wanted to go back (because of ticks, therefore naming it Camp Ticka Shinga). The second year I went because a friend wanted me to. And the third year I decided to go on my own.

Camp had a lot of new changes both good and bad. I tried a lot of new things, like climbing the rock wall. I didn't want to climb it in the beginning because it was taller than Mount Everest (okay maybe not that tall). At the very end I decided to try it even if I didn't reach the top (not that I wanted too). I got below halfway and probably

looked like I only climbed five rock holds up, but it was an achievement.

I went canoeing for the first time and went in a canoe with the assistant director Jacob. I didn't want to drown so I paddled really fast and afterwards I told my friend canoeing is hard work. She answered with, "Oh, whenever I looked back you were the only one paddling Jacob was just relaxing." No wonder Jacob told me I was doing good at paddling! Jacob was probably one of my favorite staff members because he was really funny and nice. Jacob signing my shirt.



My favorite part was when we went with the high school group on the river walk and we got to skip rocks in the stream. It was such a beautiful scenery and afterwards everyone jumped in the stream.

The camp always has a dance party during the week and, just like my first year, I can't dance. I kind of just stood in the middle looking like a stick while everyone danced. And I may have pulled some moves Dad taught me.

Although camp was fun there were also lots of things I didn't care for. The walking was constant and they kept us a lot busier than in previous years. I wish I had more time to relax.

I was really nervous about the bugs at the beginning so I suggest you take a bottle of bug spray for each day. Use a can a day!! I didn't get any bug bites at all though (thank you God). Camp Tomah Shinga was a great experience; I hadn't gone in a while and it was good to go again and see what had changed.

-Emma Atcheson

**The incidence of coincidences
increases as you pray.**

Congratulations, 2017 Graduates



Jayci Gonzales is attending Eric Fisher Academy. Victoria Tjaden will be attending Cowley in Ark City. Corey Evans will be attending Coe College. Brady Helton will be attending Doane College and will play football. Colin Frickey has graduated from Emporia State.



Martha, Maggie, Paxton & Pastor Tim Leaf

Paxton Leaf will be attending the University of Oklahoma.

Earthquake Monitoring at RLC



Resurrection was selected as a 'perfect' site for a seismic monitoring station. A perfect site as its quiet here on our property. The station is located north of our pond. The *Kansas Geological Survey* group is associated with Kansas University. Read on for a technical explanation.

Kansas Earthquake Monitoring Network

Kansas Geological Survey

Kansas has a history of seismic activity associated with several prominent geologic structures. Earthquakes recorded by the Kansas-Nebraska seismic network (operational from 1977-1989) indicate that regional crustal stress continues to cause natural movement on existing faults and fractures. To characterize current earthquake activity, KGS is establishing a network of temporary seismic stations.

Scouting Achievements

by Natasha and Donovan Braun

On June 25th, Pastor Elizabeth awarded Donovan Braun the God and Family Award. Natasha Braun received the God and Church Award.



Natasha Braun completed the "God and Church" program. It was a faith journey that helped her grow closer to Christ and be a stronger member of the church family. She had to make a photo album to help her make discoveries about herself, Jesus and about her church family. Natasha learned that Jesus is entirely divine so he could perform big miracles like healing the sick and curing the blind. Jesus is also completely mortal so that means he went through all of the challenges we go through. That means we can help perform miracles, but they don't have to be big. They could be donating food to food banks, volunteering time at shelters, etc. Natasha very much appreciated working with Pastor Elizabeth and had fun doing the program.

Donovan Braun completed the "God and Family" program. It compared families and pizza. He made a paper pizza and learned how families can grow together in God's love. The crust is a family's foundation, their beliefs. The sauce is the family members. The toppings are family member's special abilities such as being athletic, (running), singing, dancing, and academics. The cheese is the rules of the family, such as older people can say things that younger people cannot. The heat is the tests that the family goes through. The baker is God, the person who helps us go through the tests, like the baker does to a pizza. Donovan very much appreciated working with Pastor Elizabeth and had fun doing the program.

Crossways, A Biblical Travel-Guide



An in-depth study of the Bible's narrative was completed May 7th by 35 people from Area 5 congregations including several folks from non-Lutheran churches. The course, Crossways, spans a period of two academic years and was taught by Pastor Tom Schaefer of Gloria Dei and Pastor Dave Fulton of St. Paul. Resurrection participants include Vickie Sample, Loretta Holmes, Candy Saxton, and Clark & Noreen Sholts. Previously, Bob & Barb Shick also completed this study. Crossways International is a non-profit ministry whose goal is to foster deeper, more meaningful Christian discipleship by cultivating biblical literacy. The course was a faith-enriching adventure for all who participated.



The Fellowship Hall was decorated with spilling paint buckets which led the crews to their snack table, as they were color coded with their crew colors.



Overall 30 kids participated, 13 station leaders and helpers and 7 crew leaders. Kids gathered in the sanctuary each evening to sing praises, be introduced to the Bible Point and Bible Buddy for the evening, and be introduced to a cool invention.



YMT News

by Pam Porsch

Vacation Bible School – Maker Fun Factory VBS was held June 26-30. The focus was on our Maker who built each of us for a special purpose. The church was decorated with inventions, some of which the kids could interact with to include the Sound Board, Wrench Post (on which Pastor played Mary Had a Little Lamb), Giant Kerplunk, Ball Drop Maze and the Flip Flop PVC Drum set.



They then traveled around in their crews to the Bible Adventure Station, Imagination Station, Video Station, and Games Station. In the middle of their travels they stopped in at the Snack Factory for a yummy snack that tied in with their lesson for the evening. Preschoolers traveled to their own stations and joined the others for worship time and snack time.



Thanks to all the station leaders for leading the lessons each evening. Thanks to all the crew leaders for leading the crews to the stations. Thanks to everyone who helped decorate and clean-up. Thanks to all who donated items for the week. Thank You to everyone for making this ministry possible!!

Upcoming Events for YMT

by Pam Porsch

August 26 & October 28 – Sandwich Saturday 9:30-noon –Members of the church gather to prepare 200+ sack lunches and deliver them to St John’s Episcopal Church in Wichita at 11:00am. Come join the fun! The homeless are very grateful for this outreach project and the youth and adults continue to be excited to participate in this Community Service Project. This event is open to the entire congregation – come help make some sack lunches, help deliver them and see for yourself the gratitude from the homeless and the St John’s coordinators.

October 7 & 8 – Bierocks anyone?! The youth will spend October 7th making 200+ bierocks, so that on Sunday, October 8th the congregation can have treats to purchase and take home to eat. The Youth sincerely thank the congregation for their support. THANK YOU!!

Date yet to be determined for the 5th Annual All Saint’s Birthday Party and Bingo 2-4pm @ RLC –All attendees are guaranteed to have a fun afternoon and enjoying birthday cake and an ever exciting afternoon of bingo with over 50 winners. Be on the lookout for the date to be announced SOON!!

January 13 – Will bring about the YMTs 6th Annual Chili Cook-Off and Dessert Auction. Get out your best chili and dessert recipes and dust them off - the challenge will be here shortly! Make sure to mark your calendar for this fun event for all ages!

Central States WELCA Convention

by Evelyn Clark

Trinity Lutheran Church, McPherson will host the annual Central States WELCA Convention Sept 29-30, & Oct. 1. With all the



attention on the 500th anniversary of the Martin Luther’s posting of the 95 theses, it’s appropriate that the theme is “What would Katie do?”

Things get off to a fun start at the Friday evening dinner with Pastor Tim Leaf leading an informative session on “Pubology.” The newly opened brewery in McPherson, Three Rings Brewery, is named for the 3 rings on Martin Luther’s beer stein. The head brew master claims to be directly descended from the man who brewed beer for Martin and Katie’s wedding in 1525. Martin considered his wife Katie to be the best brewer of beer around! Hopefully, samplings are also planned.

A variety of activities and workshops are scheduled for Saturday along with a luncheon and banquet that evening. The convention closes with a worship service Sunday morning.

Gift baskets for the silent auction will benefit the Barbara Nelson Memorial Scholarship Fund. Those attending are asked to bring non-perishable food items for the McPherson County Food Bank. If you wish to order a special “Katie” T-shirt, forms are posted on the wall leading to Fellowship Hall.

Fees and motel reservations for 10 ladies from Resurrection have already been sent. If you are not able to attend our monthly meetings but would like to attend the convention, contact Evelyn Clark.

A Beautiful Opportunity

by Anita Johnson

A beloved [La Hoya vine](#) that has been with me since the 1960's is facing some serious pruning soon, and I'd be pleased to share starts of it with Resurrection Lutheran family members. If you would be interested in having a start of this tropical succulent plant, contact Anita Johnson and ask.



See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe,[a] and not according to Christ. Colossians 2:8

Cluster Meeting – Women of the ELCA

Evelyn Clark, Vickie Sample, Loretta Holmes, and Noreen Sholts attended the Ark River Valley Women of the ELCA’s Cluster Meeting at Reformation on April 29th heard Laura Shriner, of Gloria Dei, share her work with the prison ministry at the Sedgwick County Jail. The second speaker, Christy Thomas from Girls on the Run, told attendees about their program which “inspires girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running” and culminates in a 5K run. Laurie Peterson-Flaharty (Reformation) is outgoing Cluster Coordinator. Elaine Harvey (St. Paul’s-Wichita) and Kathy Drake (Reformation) are continuing and will be joined by Loretta Holmes. Next year’s cluster meeting will be hosted by Resurrection.



An Afternoon at the Movies

Congregation members and friends gathered at the Derby Plaza Theater on March 5th to watch ‘The Shack’. It’s a great Christian movie, but there weren’t many dry eyes by the end of the movie.



Take Me Out to the Ball Game

On July 16th congregation members took in a Wingnuts game at Lawrence Dumont Stadium. They beat the heat hanging out on the Party Deck. Unfortunately the Wingnuts weren’t able to beat the Sioux Falls Canaries.



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Assembly of Organists

by Marty Gould

I was pleased to attend an assembly of more than 75 organists from around Kansas held in Wichita's First Presbyterian Church. Sponsored by the American Guild of Organists, Marlene Holstrom is an officer in this group and an organizer of this event, the January Jubilee. The day-long meeting included speakers and time for break-out groups to discuss, learn and share more specifics to enhance worship with piano and organ music. There was time to meet other church musicians, and shop their music store. It was a meaningful, memorable day.

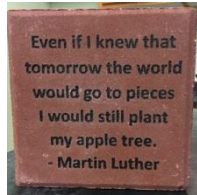


July 4th Parade

A happy holiday group of Resurrection folks turned out to celebrate our country's independence and represent our church in the Haysville July 4th Parade. There were lots of volunteers to help with final float decorations. Our Resurrection Lutheran Church banner led and announced our unit. Eager marchers tossed candy to parade watchers, very young stroller riders as well as 'more mature' riders on the float waved their greetings. Sponsored by our church council, the day was beautiful for a fun filled church out reach.



Our New Tree



Have you noticed our new tree? It was planted and dedicated to commemorate the Reformation 500 Anniversary. A plaque received at Central States Assembly and engraved with a quote from Martin Luther, was placed at the base of the tree. The tree is a 'lacy bark elm tree', chosen to thrive in our Kansas wind and weather.



(left) Landon Schill, Jordan Vogt, Grayson Sample 'helped' decorate. (right) Patti Meserve and Shari Jordan led with the RLC banner.



Pastor Elizabeth, Rory & Oliver Cummings

Welcome to the Table Fundraising

Welcome to the Table kitchen renovation project at **St. Paul's –Wichita** is seeking support for their complete kitchen renovation which has a goal of \$200,000. A video with scenes from two of the winter breakfasts will help people learn how the breakfasts welcome our neighbors and is available on the "Welcome to the Table" Facebook page. St. Paul's Lutheran Church, near downtown at 925 N. Waco, is an ideal location. Volunteers come from the wider area to serve our neighbors. Resurrection folks have risen early to prepare and serve neighbors in our community who may need a hot meal and words of encouragement. After working in the St Paul's kitchen we do agree that a serious renovation is in order.



To learn more contact campaign chair Kelly Shriener at mkdshriener@cox.net. Donations may be made pay-able to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, with "Kitchen" in the memo line. A [GoFundMe website](#) has been set up under the name "Save St. Paul's Kitchen" and can be shared on Facebook. The goal is substantial and the money has to be in hand to begin the project. **Let's think big to meet a big need together!**



Lenten Good Gifts Tree

by Evelyn Clark



World Hunger Appeal Good Gifts "ornaments" were decorating the Lenten Good Gifts Tree in the narthex. The ornaments were obtained last December, but were not used because Resurrection members were contributing gifts to local families. The JOY (Stewardship) team elected to make them part of the Lenten giving appeal.

The ornaments included animals, backpacks with food, water jugs, vaccinations and other needs with a price for each. Members selected an ornament(s) and placed their selection in a nearby basket. Nearly half the ornaments were selected the first week! Sunday School classes divided up their accumulated offerings for the past year and "shopped" the tree. Children from pre-school to Grade 5 studied the choices available and chose a sheep, goats, chicks, bees, water jugs, mosquito nets, a fruit tree, vaccinations, back packs and school fees.



Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me. John 12:26

JOY Team

by Pam Porsch

The JOY Team is the new “Stewardship” team here at Resurrection. We wanted to find a new team name that would not carry the connotation that the term Stewardship has carried for many years in the church. We are taking a different look at what stewardship really means. Times have changed and Stewardship has changed - Stewardship is not just about money. It is about Jesus, Others and You and how we take care of business for those areas.

“Stewardship of the future. We take care of the future – we provide for it, take care of it, shape it, nurture it – with the choices and decisions we make today. Is it about money? Sure, just as it is about our use of time and natural resources, our spiritual and emotional health, our appreciation of friendships and family and so much more. But this particular way of defining stewardship as a future-oriented reality tended in the here and now puts all of those elements in unique perspective.” Bishop Gustafson

We are using the cross to illustrate our “Down, In & Out” model from Grace Pomroy’s “Embracing Stewardship”. The first and primary movement is *down*; we observe and experience the multiplicity of ways that God has, is, and will continue to come down to us in love. Next we look *in* to see the many resources that God has entrusted to our care. Lastly we look *out* to see the ways that God may be calling us to use these resources to love God and our neighbor. Together, these three movements make the sign of the cross. We used this depiction to come up with our team name - J=Jesus=Down – we will explore the many ways that God comes down to us in love through God’s grace, story, and creation. O=Others=Out – we will look at how we are called to love our neighbors by being good stewards of God’s justice, our local community, and our global community. And Y=You=In – we

will explore what God has entrusted to each of our care; talents, time, money and stuff.

The movements may not occur in any certain order, but we need all three to be good stewards of what God has entrusted to us. With that said, we began our JOY campaign with the “O” – Others. In October, November and December by concentrating on others, with our focus in October being Camp Tomah Shinga – we collected quarters to support our Lutheran Church Camp. World Hunger Appeal was our November



focus; we had bulletin inserts, posters, and activities for all to participate in during the month. In December we concentrated on Advent with an Advent devotional available for all families, an Advent calendar for the children and we also supported Partner’s Church by encouraging all members to contribute \$40 each, once a year, to sustain the mission church in Planeview.

“Y” – You was our focus in January – May. In February we had a Ministry Fair so that all members could see what Teams and Committees we have at Resurrection and contemplate joining them.



The “Lent Tree” with “Good Gifts” ornaments were available, in March. Members purchased cows, goats, chicks, school supplies, and many more valuable resources for the less fortunate. The tree was a huge hit and we Thank the congregation for the support of our March project.

The April event was attorney Mike McCafferty coming to speak about trusts and wills. This event was a great success and we thank everyone that stayed for the presentation and took home valuable information.



Taking care of our environment and our safety was our May focus. There was a vast amount of information on the table in the Narthex, throughout the month. Members were encouraged to pick up and take home any book or flyer on the table and we also had Ministry Moments each Sunday highlighting various recycling and safety items.

“J” – Jesus –has been our focus for June through September. On August 6th we will partner with the Property Committee and have our Leader Appreciation event. God’s Work Our Hands Sunday is September 10th and we will have a congregation potluck prior to doing “God’s Work”. We will have “God’s Work” projects to do that do not require leaving the church – so all can participate. September 24th the JOY Team will provide a congregational meal prior to hosting cottage meetings that will focus on members providing input about our church and what members would like to see our church accomplish in the future. Look for more to come on this event.

If anyone is interested in joining the JOY Team you are welcome to come to any of our meetings. You can be on the cutting edge of this new venture of year round stewardship and experience the JOY.

Parking Lot Paving

Have you noticed our smooth parking lot? Thank you to Property Committee for coordinating this project and everyone that donated funds.



(Left) The HUGE crack has disappeared.

(Right) All re-paved and striped.

Pastor Sally Fahrenthold Honored by Partners for Wichita



Pastor Sally Fahrenthold was honored Saturday, January 21st following her recent retirement from full-time volunteer work with Partners for Wichita. Forty people, including PFW past and current board members and Samaritan Community volunteers, gathered to thank Pr. Sally for her contributions to the organization, as well as to the entire Wichita community. Pr. Sally’s son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Lindi Fahrenthold traveled to Wichita for the event, and her sister, Mary McCrea, was also there. Guests contributed stories and accolades as part of the evening’s program.

Celebration Of Life

The funeral for Terry Haskins was held on March 24.



The funeral for Richard Adams was held on June 5.



Spotlight on Ruth Albertin



Of Swedish descent, Ruth was born to Grace and Hjalmar Olson on a farm near Hartington, Nebraska. She is the 6th in her family of 9 children with 5 girls and 4 boys. A life-long Lutheran, Ruth was baptized at Tabor Lutheran Church in Wausa, NE then moved to South Sioux City where she was confirmed at First Lutheran Church in a class of 15, their largest class ever. Attending Luther League Day Camp every summer, Ruth had her first romance there and remains friends with that 'boy', now a retired pastor.

Growing up in South Sioux City the family's home, which is still standing, had electricity and an outside pump for water. The children shared bath water and Ruth slept with 2 sisters. There was an earthen 'root cellar' with big wooden doors. Ruth recalls with dread having to fetch things from that dark and damp place. She attended all 12 years of school in South Sioux City and recalls her brother carrying her on very cold days. Fun times were spent playing Kick the Can, Red Rover, hiding in the ditch for Hide & Seek, and paper dolls. She did babysitting and worked taking calls at a mortuary. Her favorite school subjects were history and literature. Through high school, Ruth worked in a drug store as a clerk and soda jerk. She loved working the soda fountain and recalls one little girl always requesting 'magnets' (nutmeg) on her milk shake.

Ruth graduated high school in 1956 and then rode a bus into Sioux City Iowa to learn typing, short hand, and office practice and received a certificate from Iowa Business College. In 1957, living in Derby briefly and then in Wichita, Ruth attended St. Paul Lutheran Church. She worked as a file clerk and switchboard operator for South West Savings and Loan. It was at the Viking Lounge on West Maple that Ruth met the love of her life, Bobby. They talked of many things for so long that Ruth at last asked him out for coffee. They were married in 1960 at Reformation Lutheran Church. Later as their family of four, Jan, Bill, Juli and Dennis (Tiger, as the doctor named him at birth) grew up, Ruth was a stay-at-home mom. When the kids were in school, she could watch over her kids as she helped at school in the lunch room and on the playground. The family attended Good Shepherd Lutheran Church at this time. They often spent summers at her sister-in-law's in Rose Hill. For 25 years, Ruth worked at the Dillon's store on Harry St. & Broadway as a checker and later as the front end coordinator. She says, "I was awarded Employee of the Year for our store. They had a banquet and a lot of hoopla for the people who had won this (award) from all the stores in Wichita area. I think it was in the late 90's maybe 96." The family moved to Haysville in 1984 to their present home on South Broadway and joined Resurrection Lutheran Church. Sadly Ruth's husband, Bobby, died suddenly in 1997.



Reading has always been a favorite pastime for Ruth. Years ago it was Nancy Drew books and still is book series and especially historical novels. She uses her Kindle and will happily tell you of her current selection, 'Inferno'. Another passion for Ruth is travel. Favorite trips include a bus tour to New Orleans with a visit to a historic graveyard also a river cruise in Germany with Evelyn Clark. Cooking requested dishes and baking new things makes Ruth happy. In the previous newsletter, she shared the recipe for her much requested FUDGE BROWNIE RING CAKE. Ruth has been blessed with 9 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. For the past three years, Ruth has been busy watching her great granddaughter, Aeris. Known as 'G-G' for great grandma, Ruth says Aeris is a good helper.

Ruth says that she "loves the Lutheran church" and loves to search for and if possible worship in small, old churches. She tells of once worshiping with maybe 20 members in a tiny, unheated church. Her love for our church is evident as you can often see Ruth busy volunteering for various tasks at church and maybe most especially as she faithfully meets with our Prayer Team.