



# 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;



This year the Bishop's Convocation was centered around spiritual practices. We had the opportunity to experiment with different ways to worship, different ways to have a prayer life, and different ways to think about our interaction with God and our faith.

I learned some new things; I tried some new things and I hope to be able to incorporate some of these things into the faith practices at Resurrection. So, when we do something new, something different from what you are used to. Please be patient. Please don't judge too quickly and please let yourself experience the presence of the Holy Spirit. It is only when we open ourselves up that we can fully let God in.

I pray that as the year quickly comes to a close you will remember all the wonderful opportunities that we have as a congregation to worship and share fellowship. One thing that I'm excited about is a congregation outing to The Orphuem to see the 1954 movie "White Christmas" starring Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, Rosemary Clooney and Vera-Ellen. Featuring the music of Irving Berlin. The movie will be shown on Thursday, December 19 at 7:00pm. Watch for a sign-up sheet soon.

Another great opportunity is to join us for our Christmas Eve worship. There will be two services offered. One at 5:30pm and another at 11:00pm. The 5:30 service will have our children help to bless the nativity display as we place baby Jesus in the manger. Both services end with the lighting of candles as we lift our voices in song. Please come to celebrate Christ's birth with us.

Peace and Blessings,

*Pr. Elizabeth Cummings*

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## Council Notes

by Robert Nunn, Council President



*Left to Right: Gerald Yoachum, Ryan Marshall, Bill Sample, Bob Shick, Robert Nunn (president) Darrin Deutscher (vice president), Jeanette Westerhaus, Pastor Elizabeth Cummings, Barry Schroeder (secretary).*

### Hello from Council

Time is just flying by and hard to believe that 2019 is coming to an end.

Councils Community Involvement and Visibility for the third quarter of the year was, "The Arcade". Free arcade and pizza night was very well attended, probably being our largest participating event yet. Everyone had a great time and I'll bet the arcade outing has a good possibility of returning next year. Fourth quarter event looks like an outing to go see the 1954 film, "White Christmas" at the Orpheum Theatre, December 19th, 7:00pm. Come join the group for our last event of the year. The Haysville Festival float was well attended. Thanks to everyone for your hard work. This goes a long way with our community involvement, plus great advertisement for our church. --Awesome Job --

Council is currently reviewing our Constitution to incorporate updates from the ELCA Model Constitution. A Child Protection Policy has been approved and will go into effect January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Individual background checks, for those involved with youth activities, need to be completed by

December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Council is also working on a Document Storage Policy along with an Asset Notebook Update.

Team and Committee Budget inputs have been received and council is working on the 2020 Budget. Next Annual Meeting will be December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, for the purpose of approving the annual budget and electing council members for the upcoming year.

Thank you all for your giving towards committee fundraising events. Ten percent of money raised at fundraising events is designated to CSS benevolence. We were able to send \$250 for Synod Assembly Offering. We are Blessed to have a Giving Congregation in many aspects.

"Live The Faith and Lift High The Cross"

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## Camp Tomah Shinga

RLC's Women of the ELCA offers scholarships to Camp Tomah Shinga. This year 15 campers attended various weeks at camp, of which 13 received scholarships from WELCA and also from the congregation's Camp Tomah Shinga fund. This is a fund to which members contribute throughout the year. Favorite activities campers mentioned were adding their personal rock to the giant camp cross, zip line, hiking, swimming and always, every camper mentioned the good food!



## **"The Cupcake Caper". Mystery Dinner Theater,**

On Sat. August 24th, Resurrection's youth presented a Mystery Dinner Theater, "The Cupcake Caper". This project supports youth attending the next National Youth Gathering. Many if not most of our youth along with parents participated in dinner preparation, serving, clean up and as actors. The event was very well attended and much enjoyed including a chicken fettuccini dinner complete with a **Cup Cake** dessert (of course) served on 'real' silverware and china plates.



*Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity*

*1 Timothy 4:12*

## **Vacation Bible School**

Resurrection's 2019 VBS theme was "ROAR! Life is Wild, God is Good." The Bible lessons were on the Exodus of the Hebrews from Egypt from the Old Testament books of Exodus and Joshua. One of their major props was a copy of the Ark of the Covenant built by VBS teacher, Erik Braun.



## **Our BUSY Youth**

Bierok Time! - Making and selling **HOMEMADE** bieroks is one of the youth's annual fundraisers which helps pay registration for upcoming mission trips. Some 'extra' bieroks (fresh frozen) may still be available ask Pam Porsch or Loretta Holmes.



**\*\* WORSHIP \*\***

**Baptism of Eli Allen Avritt**

On October 6, 2019, Eli Avritt was baptized and welcomed as a child of God. Levi's parents, Matthew & Lyn, and sister, Evelyn were present. The members of Resurrection are named to be Eli's sponsors.



***Affirmation of Baptism***

On Reformation Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, Carlie Schill and Aubrey Gill presented their statements of faith to the congregation and were confirmed as members of Resurrection Lutheran Church.



Carlie Schill



Aubrey Gill

**Saint Francis Animal Blessing**

The annual Resurrection St Francis Animal Blessing took place on Sat. October 5th. Pastor Elizabeth welcomes live or stuffed animals, even photographs of well loved animals to the blessing. During this service between rain showers four dogs, one horse and one owl received blessings. The dogs also received dog treats.



**Welcome**

Welcome to our newest staff member, church pianist Andrea Mendoza. Resurrection is grateful for your service here and appreciate your musical talent shared during worship services and with our choir.



## CSS Women of the ELCA Convention

Theme: Wonderfully Made

Psalm 139:14: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

The annual Central States Synodical Convention of Women of the ELCA brings women together to worship, study, conduct business, become informed, and enjoy the fellowship. This year's convention was held August 16-18 at the Holiday Inn East, Wichita. Alice Burnett, Central States Synod WELCA president and a member of Cross of Glory, Derby, led the convention. Loretta Holmes, Resurrection Lutheran, chaired the local arrangements team. Evelyn Clark, Resurrection Lutheran, chaired the program and worship teams. Approximately 120 women attended the convention.



Bishop-elect Susan Candea spent the weekend with the ladies and preached at Sunday Worship. The Rev. Dr. Dinah Dutta was the Assisting Minister. Pastor Elizabeth Cummings, served as Convention Chaplain. Emma Atcheson served as acolyte at the Sunday service and Emma and Natsha Braun were lectors and Tressa Vogt, the cantor.

At the Friday evening worship, Pastor Elizabeth led the service using the Holden Evening Service with Tressa Vogt as cantor. The pianist and choir director throughout the weekend was Frances Sloan, organist and choir director at St Paul's, Wichita.

Joy Michalicek, Churchwide WELCA representative from Duluth, MN, a keynote speaker, encouraged women to enter seminary, TEEM and PMA programs. She also led Bible studies at 2 focus group sessions.

MOSAIC and Lions International received in-kind gifts of non-perishable goods and over 400 pairs of eye glasses. Representatives of each organization spoke about the work that they do.

Focus Groups met Saturday afternoon. Jacob Spilker, executive director of Camp Tomah Shinga,

spoke about the many camping opportunities and special events hosted by the camp.

Kari Schmidt, attorney and member of Gloria Dei, Wichita, specializes in estates, wills and trusts and led a focus group entitled "Estate Planning 101: What every woman should know."

Kendra Allison, St Francis Migration Ministries, and Forrest Ehmke, Christ Lutheran, Wichita, addressed the work being done locally in resetting refugee families from African and Asian nations.

\$400 educational scholarships were awarded to Maria Apel, Messiah Lutheran, Lindsborg; Madison Liby, First Lutheran, Topeka; and Brianna Reeves, Cross of Glory, Derby. Proceeds from the silent auction of the quilt created and donated by the ladies of St Mark's, Emporia, went to the CSS Seminary Education Fund for Women.

The next convention is August 7-9, 2020, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Kansas City, Mo.



## Central States Synod Assembly

Our annual Central States Synod Assembly took place in Kansas City this past June. In addition to Pastor Elizabeth, RLC delegates to the CSS Assembly were: Gerald Yoachum, and Evelyn Clark.

The Rev. Susan Candea was elected Central States Synod Bishop for a six-year term. On Sunday October 20<sup>th</sup>, she was installed as Bishop at Atonement Lutheran Church in Overland Park.

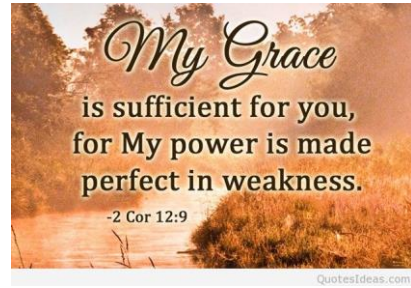
Our **Pastor Elizabeth Cummings** & Pastor Amy Truhe, of Messiah Lutheran in Lindsborg and campus pastor at Bethany College) have been appointed by Bishop Candea and have agreed to serve as deans representing the Central Kansas Conference. Conference Deans are ministers of Word and Sacrament appointed to communicate with the Bishop regarding pastoral care needs as well as communicate with conference congregations, ministries and leaders regarding events in the synod and conference.

The colorful fun banner (pictured) was made during the assembly with many hands of delegates helping. It now is on tour of the Central States Synod churches and was recently on display in our sanctuary.



## Central States Synod Delegates to the Churchwide Assembly in Milwaukee

Pastor Elizabeth Cummings was among the Central States Synod Delegates to the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Milwaukee. Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton was re-elected to a second 6-year term on the first ballot.



*Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.*  
*Colossians 3:16*

## Area 5 Beer & Hymns

October 1, 2019

Pastor Chad Langdon and Christ Lutheran Church in Wichita organized this enjoyable, delicious evening when Lutherans from five Area 5 congregations gathered for beer and hymns at River City Brewing Company in Wichita. Following food and drinks, the ‘upper room’ was alive and indeed filled with spirited, heartfelt singing of favorite hymns. Dakota Bennett of Reformation Lutheran Church offered the piano accompaniment and never missed a beat for the numerous and spontaneous hymn choices. Emcee Pastor Chad entertained with jokes and quotes of Martin Luther. Beer & Hymns - likely God was smiling!



**\*\* INVITE \*\***

**Lunch with Pastor**

Resurrection folks enjoy eating together. On the last Wed. of May, June, July and August, a group of members along with Pastor Elizabeth Cummings enjoyed the summer lunches together.



June Lunch at La Pacida, Haysville



Wichita's Village Inn served the August lunch.



May lunch at Easy Egg, Haysville



Hog Wild, Wichita hosted a July lunch.

**Join the Parade!**

Resurrection decorated and entered a float in the Haysville July 4th parade. Candy was donated in advance at church and the float riders had great fun 'distributing' it along the way.



On October 19<sup>th</sup> a parade began Haysville's Fall Festival and we entered a decorated float. A smoking grill and picnic table depicted the theme, "Haysville Fest-i-ville". In addition to tossing donated candy to onlookers, Bob Shick brought Milk Bone treats for the several to many parade watching dogs. As always it was great fun!



**JOIN THE FUN ON OUR NEXT PARADE FLOAT!**

## Happy Halloween

Resurrection joined Haysville's safe Halloween candy handout. Our generous congregation donated wrapped candy, then William Casteel joined Pastor Elizabeth, Rory and Oliver Cummings as the candy was given to a long line of various scary, ghostly and beautiful creatures. It was a happy though chilly event.



*"Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus... let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water."*

*Hebrews 10:19-22*

## Rally Day

Resurrection held a busy Rally Day on September 8th. Worship was followed by a BBQ Appreciation lunch provided by Property Team & Sunday School teachers. Having been well fed, the God's Work, Our Hands project followed, filling food kits for Haysville's Food Bank.





**\*\* ENCOURAGE \*\***

**Arcade Game Night**

RLC held an Arcade Game Night for church family and friends to enjoy fun and fellowship together. The Arcade was reserved just for us and all the games were free! Of course, we had to eat and pizza filled the bill. This event is one of several church-wide fellowship happenings planned throughout each year.

In May we watched the movie, *Breakthrough* together. Keep watch for the next activity. Come and have fun with your church family.



**Altar Guild**

With contributions from the congregation, in support of Lutheran World Relief, Altar Guild was able to assemble 10 complete Baby Care Kits. Thanks to Karen & Tressa Vogt who boxed the kits and delivered them for pick up to the Lutheran World Relief Truck which arrived for Wichita's contributions at Risen Savior Lutheran Church in Wichita on Tuesday, October 8th.



Vicky Sample, Evelyn Cherry, Shari Jordan



Alice Yoachum, Karen Vogt

*The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.*

*Deuteronomy 31:8*

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## Our New Shed

Over time we have outgrown our storage shed, and with generous congregational donations to Property Team's fundraising events, the decision for a new shed was possible. First came sorting, moving and storage of the old shed's contents. Next demolition of the old shed happened on a hard work day. Concrete pads and a sidewalk approach were constructed for the new shed. At last the new shed, a re-fitted storage container, was placed. New lighting was added to back of church and inside of shed. Now teams and individuals are busy moving items into the shed. Everyone is welcome to come and see our new shed.



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*Some Milwaukee children were invited to participate in the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Sunday school building. Each child turned over a shovel of dirt. Later in the day, a grandfather asked his granddaughter what they did at church that day. "Well," she said sadly, "We dug for a new Sunday school but we didn't find it."*

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## PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Hello Property Stewards

It sure has been busy this summer around the church property with numerous upgrades and maintenance projects completed. The HVAC system (2) 10ton & (2) 5ton units were replaced due to storm damage. That project is completed, up and running and we are ready for winter. Our vinyl fencing that was also damaged due to wind, has been replaced. Also due to the same hail and wind storm our playground equipment has been replaced. The Playground Committee sold the old equipment and purchased/installed new playground equipment.

A new storage shed has been set in place, replacing the old storage building. The new shed has LED lighting inside along with shelving, which will allow various committees to store their items. This project is almost complete - "Halleluiah".

Many Thanks to the congregation for your generous giving towards Property Fundraising Events which funded this project - "Awesome Job".

A project to be completed if not already done; -- A new LED, 71st entrance light, installed by our electrician, Scott Shelton - Shelton Electric. "Let There Be Light". In the near future, Property Committee plans on replacing all outside church building lights and parking lot lights with LED's.

A Congregational Appreciation BBQ/Luncheon on Rally Day was sponsored by Property and the Sunday School Teachers, and was very well attended. Thanks to everyone and all you do for our church.

Many thanks to all who supported the Oktoberfest Property Fundraising event. It was Awesome and your giving will go towards finishing the shed and to a future church project. Please take note that we are getting close to our Flooring Fund Total. Hopefully starting very soon on the Fellowship Hall/Kitchen Flooring Project. We are also making good headway on our LED Sign project total.

Thank You all for your continued financial support towards your Church Property. See you at the Fall Church Clean Up Day.

"Thanks Be To God" Robert Nunn

## **Annual CROP Hunger Walk**

The Wichita CROP Hunger Walk, part of Church World Service's CROP Hunger Walk was held Sunday, October 6, at Sedgwick County Park. Families, youth groups, social ministry groups working to end hunger formed teams and walked together.

Churches are also invited to have a peanut butter drive for the local agencies and bring the peanut butter to the walk. This year our church supplied over 100 jars of peanut butter to this cause. St. Paul's Community Breakfast is one of the 4 local recipients.



This year Resurrection's team included Allison Vogt, Haylee Marshall, Oliver, Pastor Elizabeth & Rory Cummings, Ryan & Derick Marshall, Roza & Lisa Atcheson, Barry Schroeder, & Jordan Vogt.



## **Sweet Peace**

This year's Sweet Peace fundraising event benefiting Partners for Wichita was held on October 10th at Newman University. Partners for Wichita is instrumental in providing for Bags of Blessings, Filling the Gap, Wichita Food Share, Food & Nutrition Resource Guide, Safe Streets Wichita, Youth Corps, and Ubuntu Village School to name a few recipients. This is always an evening of celebration, food, and gratitude. There was an elegant buffet of hors d'oeuvres and desserts and a time for visiting.

Pastors Dave Fulton and Sally Farenthold are co-founder of Sweet Peace. The emcee for the evening was Larry Hatteberg. Everyone is invited to contribute for the benefit of Partners for Wichita and to become a partner.



## **Memorials**



*Charles (Bud) Bryant*  
February 15, 1934 – June 19, 2019



*Louise Dolfus*  
April 28, 1944 - August 9, 2019



*Orian Atcheson*  
January 20, 1930 – August 27, 2019

## **Welcoming our newest members!**



### **Pastor David Fulton**

I was born in Olympia, Washington and I was the second born of twins. Dennis, my twin, lives in Gig Harbor, Washington. My oldest brother, Rich, lives in Olympia actually, on the shores of the Puget Sound next door to where I grew up. My second oldest brother, Gary, lives in Lakewood, Washington. One of my most cherished memories was when I was 10 years old. I spent two hours on the front porch, just, noticing the wonder of creation. It was my first “contemplative” experience. My mother is 101 years old and lives in Lacy, Washington.

I was received into membership at Christ Lutheran Church in Lakewood, Washington. Pastor Chuck Hayward baptized me when I was a Seminary student. I met my wife Mary in Minneapolis, MN when I was a Seminary student at Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque. We have three grown children and 9 grandchildren. I was ordained in 1975 and have served churches in Burlington, Washington, Petersburg, Alaska, Goodland, Kansas, Belton, Missouri, Topeka, Kansas and I completed my career here in Wichita where I served St. Paul’s Lutheran for 15 years before retiring in 2018.

I also served 23 years as a reserve component chaplain in the Air Force, retiring in 2010.

I have been a runner since 1980, having completed the Prairie Fire Marathon in 2010 and 2011.

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## **First Landing on the Moon Included Communion**

First Landing on the Moon includes Communion In the last weeks of June 1969, at Webster Presbyterian Church, just outside of Houston, Pastor Dean Woodruff and Astronaut Buzz Aldrin were meeting in the church about the upcoming mission to the moon. They were discussing how to commemorate such a historic occurrence when communion was considered. Pastor Woodruff states it was when "God reveals Himself in the common elements of everyday life." Buzz and Dean worked through the details of what would take place on July 20th, 1969. Soon after the landing module came to rest on the surface of the moon, the microphones were silenced. "Houston, this is Eagle. This is the LM Pilot speaking. I would, like to request a few moments of silence. I would like to invite each person listening in, wherever and whomever he may be, to contemplate for a moment the events of the past few hours and to give thanks in his own individual way." Buzz Aldrin carefully pulled out the communion wafer, and wine and the first communion was celebrated on the surface of another celestial body.

St. Paul’s-Wichita held a community worship celebration on Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, at noon to commemorate this cosmic event, to remind us of the landing, and focus us on the universal God we worship.

