



# 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 Siblings in Christ;

As Lent begins, I encourage you to take some time out of your busy schedule to rest, reflect, and worship.

This year, as in past years, we will gather on Wednesday evenings for a Soup Supper followed by a service of Holden Evening Prayer.

Please consider signing up to bring a pot of soup or the extras for our dinners each week. You will find the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

I would also like to invite you to attend the Central Kansas Conference Gathering on April 4, 2020 hosted by Messiah Lutheran in Lindsborg. We will meet with Synod Staff from 1:00pm-4:00pm to share our thoughts on the following questions.

What does the Central States Synod do for us?

Or perhaps: What is the purpose and mission of the Central States Synod?

Or a better question: What is God's Mission in and through our synod?

**How can we participate in God's Mission?**

Those last questions are the ones we are going to explore together to develop a new vision and mission statement for our synod. There will be a number of ways you can participate in this process including conference gatherings to learn more about the makeup of the synod as well as engage in conversation to discern God's mission in and through us.

This is your chance to meet, visit, and share your thoughts and ideas with the Synod staff about the future of the church. I hope that Resurrection will have representatives present at this conference gathering.

Peace and Blessings,

Pr. Elizabeth A. Cummings

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*So Jesus said to them again,  
"Peace be with you; as the  
Father has sent Me, I also send  
you."  
John 20:21*

**Council Notes**

by Robert Nunn



*Left to Right: Rebecca McKusker, Ryan Marshall, Robert Nunn (vice president), Darrin Deutscher (president), Jeanette Westerhaus, Bill Sample, Lisa Atcheson (secretary), Pastor Elizabeth Cummings. Not pictured: Gerald Yoachum.*

**Hello Resurrection Congregation**

"Halleluiah!" Winter is almost over, (I Think) and I'm ready for Spring.

Many Thanks to All who attended our December 1st, 2019 Congregational Annual Meeting. The 2020 Budget was approved and please welcome your new council members, Rebecca McKusker, Lisa Atcheson and Robert Nunn to a 3 year commitment to council. Installation of New Council was done January 12th, 2020 during Sunday service. Synod Assembly Voting Delegates for the June 2020, St Louis gathering will be council members, Lisa Atcheson, Ryan Marshall and Pastor Elizabeth Cummings.

Rebecca McKusker was on the Audit Team and created a vacancy when elected to council. Many thanks to Brad Parker who volunteered and has been approved by council to fill that Audit Team position. Current Audit Team members are Jim Frickey, LaDonna Lawrenz and Brad Parker. The audit team is currently auditing the 2019

financial records, documents and procedures. After the audit is complete, the team will review results with council.

Our next Congregational Meeting will be scheduled for your review and or approval of a Newly Updated Constitution, the Audit and Yearly Committee Updates.

Councils Community Involvement and Visibility for the Fourth Quarter of 2019 was the 1954 film

"White Christmas" at the Orpheum Theatre on December 19th. Thanks to All who Attended. It was Sold Out and we had a great turnout. Rumor Mill has it, that for the 1<sup>st</sup>. Quarter of 2020, there may be a Bowling Night Out. - We will see if we can get a Strike, or any Spare Ideas? lol.

The Committee Fundraising Forms for 2020 have been approved by council. Each committee can have up to 3 fundraising events. Thank You All for your generous giving to these events. We are Blessed to have a Giving Congregation in many aspects.

"Live The Faith and Lift High The Cross"

**Church Staff**

Pastor ..... Elizabeth Cummings  
Office Administrator..... Vicky Tully  
Treasurer..... Pam Porsch  
Financial Secretary ..... Evelyn Clark  
Nursery Supervisor ..... Holly Gonzales  
Music Director ..... Evelyn Clark  
Musician ..... Andrea Mendoza  
Sexton..... David & Jessie Cook

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## \*\* YOUTH \*\*

### Ninth Annual Chili Cook Off

This year the Cook Off Youth Fundraiser was held Saturday January 25th. Fifteen - 15! - hopeful chile makers entered their best chile for taste testing. Event patrons, eager to taste and judge the chiles, were served the numbered chile samples by our hard-working youth. After voting their favorite chile, guests were invited to enjoy a huge bowl of chile with all the 'fixings'. Winners of the chile cook off were announced: First place went to Kris Atcheson, 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Jen Knaak, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Rory Cummings.



The event also included two tables overflowing with delectable desserts which were enthusiastically auctioned by Kris Atcheson, self-proclaimed 'Professional Auctioneer'. Bidding was brisk, folks were generous and Pam Porsch reported that this fun and exciting event raised \$1000 for our Resurrection youth programs and events!



*O God, You have taught me from my youth, And I still declare Your wondrous deeds. Psalm 71:17*

### Youth Quake, 2020

by Brian Christiansen

We took 15 RLC youth from 6<sup>th</sup> grade through high school age to the Hyatt Hotel for Youth Quake. This was a full weekend of worship, workshops and fellowship with youth from other area churches, as well as some from out of state. There were over 200 youth total in attendance. It was a great experience for all. Though there was no Harrison Ford sighting in the hotel this weekend, other memories were made that will stay with our youth for a lifetime. **Thank You** to all the parents and others who helped with this event. Chaperones were Loretta Holmes, Brian Christiansen, Ryan Marshall.



From Donovan Braun: Thank you, congregation, for sending me to Youth Quake. My favorite part was the workshops. "God Games and Geekery" and other workshops were "4 Journeys, 1 God" and "MORE Leadership". In "4 Journeys, 1 God" the band told of how they met and began the band. My favorite story was when one of the guitarists was skiing and tried to do a cool move and broke his pelvis in three places, dislocated his spine and fractured his skull. During which he told us, "God hit the tree with me." And in "MORE Leadership" we learned how to deal with more leadership. We also did worship, bible study, campfire, and did fun activities while we were there as well as meeting new and old friends.



## **Altar Guild**

by Karen Vogt

Thank You! Heartfelt thanks to those supporting our Altar Guild's fund raisers. The funds raised from these projects are returned to our congregation by fulfilling Altar Guild's mission: "To Prepare and Adorn God's House for Worship". These events include a bake sale in December, recently a wine tasting event and soon we will host the Palm Sunday brunch.



We use funds raised to replenish and replace worship supplies. Perhaps you noticed new candles on our Advent wreath. Not so obvious are new altar cloths, with plans for more altar cloths, plus new banners.



We also reached out beyond RLC this past year by donating baby care kits to Lutheran World Relief. Altar Guild thanks the congregation donating items to fill this need. We plan to donate baby care kits again this year.

Many of the Altar Guild tasks are behind the scene. In addition to training and supervising new acolytes and crucifers, Altar Guild members prepare for holy communion, maintain worship supplies and tidy and decorate (adorn) the sanctuary, as well as decorating the sanctuary for Christmas and Easter.

Again, we thank all who support Altar Guild's efforts and **INVITE YOU** to join us at the Palm Sunday brunch!

## **Wine Tasting Event**

by Evelyn Clark



Eat an olive and then taste the wine. Try a gourmet brownie with that Prosecco. How do you pronounce gewürztraminer? A guacamole bruschetta is great with Malbec.

Didn't hear those comments? Then you missed one of the fun events of the year! On Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, the Altar Guild hosted a wine tasting event in Fellowship Hall. Tables for 40 were set with burgundy cloths and wine glasses. Two eight-foot tables held food to pair with the eight different wines available for tasting. Two representatives from a wholesale distributor described each wine and offered samples for tasting.



The event provided an opportunity to taste different wines and great food, share a table and conversation with friends, and support a worthy cause. The Altar Guild added \$500 to their account. The Guild thanks Vicky Tully for her artistic designs for the bulletin inserts, publicity flyers and table signs. Thank you to all who assisted with the setting up and clean-up, food preparation and serving and especially all who attended the event.



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## **IF Gathering**

By Vickie Sample:

### **INSPIRED BY THE QUESTION, "IF GOD IS REAL, THEN WHAT?"**

*IF:Gathering publicly launched the first gathering in 2014. At the event, women were reminded that because God is indeed who He says He is, we in turn have a job to do on Earth: tell others about Him.*



Resurrection Lutheran Church was host to the streaming of the IF GATHERING on February 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. This event was a women's gathering coming together to praise Jesus. It was streamed over 50 states and 34 countries. Presentations were given by 9 women who gave spiritual speeches on the following of Jesus. This Gathering was a great time of sharing the Word of God and drawing each of us closer to Him. For more information on IF Gatherings see <https://www.ifgathering.com/>



## **Women of the ELCA Conventions**

### **Save the Dates**

The 2020 **Central States Synod** Women of the ELCA Convention will be **August 7-9** and will be held at the Best Western Premier Hotel in Kansas City, MO. (Sports Complex, 4011 Blue Ridge cutoff). The theme verse is Psalm 51:15 and the theme is "My Story, Your Story, Our Story."



### **Just Love, Women of the ELCA Triennial**

Triennial registration is open!! The gathering will be July 16-19 in Phoenix, Arizona. Since 1988, we've gathered to party and act boldly on our faith. Lisa Plorin, president of Women of the ELCA's executive board, invites you to join us at our 2020 Gathering. The theme is "Just Love." We hope to see you there! For information and to register go to:

<https://www.womenoftheelca.org/new-triennial-event-page>



Partners for Wichita held their annual Trivia Night on Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> at First Presbyterian Church, Wichita. Our team, made up of eight RLC folks, was quick thinking and energetic with Rory Cummings as Resurrection's team captain. There were about 17 teams playing Trivia. Topics of the Trivia games were varied and of course some were very hard: history of Wichita? Identifying company logos? Hmmmm. In addition to trivia games, there was a silent auction for clever, themed and donated baskets of goodies. It was a fun and exciting evening in support of Partners for Wichita.

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## Tomah Shinga Registration Open!



Jacob Spilker, Executive Director of Camp Tomah Shinga, visited Resurrection on Sunday, Feb. 2, 2020. He offered a message explaining the updates and camping opportunities at Camp Tomah Shinga and then led the congregation in a rousing, fun, hand clapping rendition of *Jesus Loves Me*.

This summer Camp Tomah Shinga will be partnering with Bethany College in Lindsborg, KS as they open a new and unique week of camp: *‘Forged’*. Forged campers will participate in all normal camp activities while also training with high school and collegiate coaches across the state. Their days will be filled with Bible study and co-op, as well as training in endurance, speed, and strength across our beautiful 840 acres.

WELCA will be offering \$200 scholarships to youth attending Camp Tomah Shinga this summer. Fees for a 5-day camp week are \$445. Early bird enrollments will deduct \$50, and families sending more than one child will also receive a \$50 deductible for each child. **Early bird enrollments must be made before APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Because July 4<sup>th</sup> will shorten the camp week, a 3-day camp for 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders will be held June 29-July 1. Three-day camps are available for first-third graders almost every week. The fees for these camps are \$275. Scholarships for these three-day camps will be \$150. Families who will need financial assistance for the fees, see Evelyn Clark. RLC has members who contribute to Camp during the year and these gifts can be used for the youth.

Enrollments are made online. Go to Camp Tomah Shinga to find schedules and forms.

**Remember, \$50 early bird deductions will end after April 1.**

## Haysville Community

Plan to attend the Haysville Community Palm Sunday service which will be at the West Haysville Baptist Church, @ 6:00 p.m. Our choir will sing and there will be a fellowship time, **likely with cookies**



Resurrection Choir sang during the Haysville Community Thanksgiving Service. Seven Haysville parishes worshiped together and offered thanksgiving to God. Pastor Elizabeth led the offering prayer.



The new chair of our Welcome Team, is Lois Hickman. Thank you, Lois for taking the leadership of this vital team! Presently Lois is asking members of the team to contact her at (308) 920-0363 regarding their availability for a meeting time and to review welcoming supplies and procedures.

Did you recall that YOU are a member of Resurrection’s Welcome Team? Yes, EVERY Resurrection member is a welcomer and is urged to reach out to visitors and new members. Please feel comfortable in offering assistance during our worship service, help in getting around our church building and offering an invitation to join our fellowship time.

An Invitation and Opportunity! During March, Ray York has volunteered to be an official welcomer. He needs a partner and will be happy to serve with you this coming month.



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## Prayer and Care

**WE CARE ABOUT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!**

What's important to you is important to us. Requests are handled with the utmost sincerity and respect. A Sunday morning prayer sheet is on the sign up counter. The prayer and care committee meets each Wednesday morning for prayer at 9:00 AM.



Bert can be reached at 522-6767 or [bertkirkpatrick1937@gmail.com](mailto:bertkirkpatrick1937@gmail.com). *NEW EMAIL*  
[prayerandcare@rxluth.com](mailto:prayerandcare@rxluth.com)

Or call the church office at 522-1091

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## 40 for the Future for Mission San Juan de Dios

The Reformation Service Board is once again sponsoring an effort to secure funding for Mission San Juan de Dios, our mission church in Planeview. They invite their members to help keep the door open for these neighbors, fellow children of God, by donating \$40 as part of their Lenten pilgrimage. The church property that Mission San Juan de Dios is occupying is now owned by Chapel Hill United Methodist Church since Brookside UMC closed. Chapel Hill continues to welcome Mission San Juan de Dios worshipping at the 2760 S. Roosevelt location.

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## Sunday School Reaches Out

by Deanna Deutscher



The Sunlight Children's Advocacy Rights Home in Andover is a temporary place for children, ages 0-16, to stay while waiting placement in a foster home. Our own RLC middle school class in Sunday School, led by Loretta

Holmes, is putting together craft kits for those kids to do and enjoy while there.

## Serving Breakfast

In November, Resurrection folks served breakfast to over 200 guests at St Paul's Lutheran Church in downtown Wichita. The guests' smiles and 'thank you's' made the 7:00 am report time worth the effort and it was great fun working together in St Paul's newly renovated kitchen. Warm clothing as well as bus tokens were also provided.



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*Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done.*

*Proverbs 19:17*

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## **Property Committee**

by Robert Nunn

Hello Property Stewards

It sure has been busy at Resurrection. Numerous property projects for the last quarter of 2019 were completed. Plus, more are in the works for the spring and summer months.

The storage shed shelving was installed and this project is now complete. The storage unit worked extremely well during the Christmas seasonal decorations transition. We now have organized storage space available. "It's Awesome". Many thanks for everyone's support and hard work. This has been a very rewarding project.

Before the winter cold showed up, the N.E. corner of our parking lot had an asphalt repair/patch completed by Holland Paving.

Shelton Electric installed a new LED, 71<sup>st</sup> entrance light. Also, just completed, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> -New outside church building LED lights. We are in the process of getting an estimate for installing LED parking lot lights.



The 2019 Fall Church Clean-up Day went really well, with approximately 10 items completed. Thanks for everyone's help. There will be a Spring Church Clean-up Day. Date/Time to be listed in future church bulletin. Please consider helping - usually no more than 2 hrs. of your time.

Great News! The Flooring and Sign projects will begin this spring and summer. The LED sign project will be started soon. LED Sign Co. will be doing this project. The Fellowship Hall/Kitchen Flooring project is tentatively planned for after Vacation Bible School. This project will be completed by Star Lumber. Thanks for your continued financial support towards these two projects.

Property Committee thanks you for your support towards the Valentine's Brunch Fundraiser. We raised 356 dollars, of which 36 dollars was given towards benevolence. "That's Awesome".



Thank You All for your continued support towards your Church Property. See you at the Spring Church Clean-up Day.

"Thanks Be To God"

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## **Church Women United**

On March 6th Wichita Church Women United will celebrate the World Day of Prayer. They will meet at the Mennonite Church of the Servant at 2401 N. Woodland. All are welcome. Registration and refreshments beginning at 1:00 p.m

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## **Haysville Happenings**

by Evelyn Cherry



Congratulations to Pastor Elizabeth who was recently elected to Haysville Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. She stated, "I felt called to represent the faith communities that are part of the chamber since they do not currently have a representative on the board. This is a good way for Resurrection to continue to be active and participating in the life of the City."

Congratulations to our own Evelyn Cherry, elected to the Haysville Senior Center Planning Board. This Planning Board plans activities and events for the center. Evelyn says, "The name of the game is to "Make money and help old people." Recently the Sr Center Chile Cook-off earned over \$1600

A new addition, a large Game Room, is being built at the Senior Center. The Game Room will have pool tables, shuffle board, tables for Pitch, Texas Hold'em, Dominoes, which are being specially sized for seniors 'with shorter arms'. Watch for the Senior Center Game Room addition, grand opening expected this Spring.



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## "Facing Addiction in America"

by Rev. Dave Fulton

Dear Neighbors!

It is astounding that the major threat to the well being of our community is responded to with indifference in our community in general and by the faith community in particular. That is about to change. We are forming a spiritual conversation about addiction and substance abuse in its three elements; prevention, intervention and recovery. "Facing Addiction in America," is the title of the Surgeon General's Report on Addiction in our nation which came out in 2016..." The effects of substance use are cumulative and costly for our society, placing burdens on workplaces, the health care system, families, states, and communities. The Surgeon General's Report on Alcohol, Drugs, and Health is another important step in our efforts to address the issue. This historic Report explains, in clear and understandable language, the effects on the brain of alcohol and drugs and how misuse can become a disorder. It describes the considerable evidence showing that prevention, treatment, and recovery policies and programs really do work. For example, minimum legal drinking age laws, funding for multi-sector community-based coalitions to plan and implement effective prevention interventions with fidelity, screening and brief intervention for alcohol use, needle/syringe exchange programs, behavioral counseling, pharmacologic interventions such as buprenorphine for opioid misuse, and mutual aid groups have all been shown effective in preventing, reducing, treating, and sustaining recovery from substance misuse and substance use disorders." Facing Addiction in Wichita and Sedgwick County is a spiritual discussion with spiritual leaders, community leaders, medical providers and those who work in prevention and recovery. Facing Addiction, a spiritual conversation in action will consist of a series of conversations over lunch with clergy, congregational leaders, folk in the recovery community and other community leaders. These conversations will be hosted at local congregations and we expect them to begin around the end of January 2020. Join the conversation, join the spiritual conversation in action.

Blessings and Peace! Rev. Dave Fulton

## Upcoming YMT Plans

(Youth Ministry Team) by Pam Porsch

Plant Sales - March 22-April 5th the Youth will have their annual plant sales. Many members look forward to the chance to order some beautiful plants. Several congregation members have had wonderful results from the plants they purchased from the youth. The feedback is greatly appreciated and we hope that this year's crop continues to bring beauty and great vegetables into the lives of our members. Be on the lookout for this year's selection!

Sandwich Saturdays - Resurrection will once again be hosting Sandwich Saturdays in 2020. Our first Saturday will be April 25th, then August 22<sup>nd</sup> and October 24th. If you would like to help out with this Community Service project see Loretta or Pam.

Rocky Railway VBS 2020 - Be on the lookout - we are planning the dates for the 2020 VBS. The theme for the week is "Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through". During the week kids will discover that they can trust Jesus. Life is rocky for kids - full of ups and downs and twists and turns. At Rocky Railway, kids explore Jesus' power and how we can trust Jesus to pull us through when life feels like a valley or a mountaintop. Be on the lookout for registration AND volunteer opportunities AND donation opportunities.

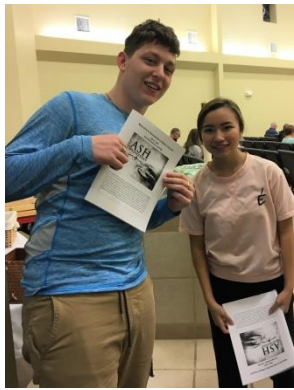


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## Ash Wednesday

As a fundraiser for National Youth Gathering our busy youth served the soup supper. They also served as worship assistants for the Ash Wednesday service that followed the soup supper.



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## *From Grace to Glory*

John Charles Larsen  
Mar 28, 1954 - Dec 23, 2019



Beryl Jean Beeson  
Mar 28, 1935 - Jan 13, 2020



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## Mosaic in South Central Kansas

Mosaic of South Central Kansas hosts monthly Discover the possibilities mission tours at Mosaic in Winfield and also would be glad to take their show on the road and come to your church, home, business, or organization and share. Don't forget *Luke 14:13. When you favor the meek, the crippled, the blind, and disabled you will seek favor with God.*

The next Discover the Possibilities tour is March 24th, 12:00 p.m.

Please contact Nancy Maier at 620-229-8702 or [nancy.maier@mosaicinfo.org](mailto:nancy.maier@mosaicinfo.org) with your reservation.”

**Welcome to our new members, Kenny & Kelly Blomberg**



A Kansas girl, Kelly was born in Great Bend as the only child of Bob & Elena Corbin. She was baptized in Salina KS at Salina Baptist Church. She attended kindergarten through high school graduation in Salina, KS. Growing up as an only child in Salina, Kelly never really got in trouble or was grounded. She had pets – some cats (she doesn't recall their names) more especially were their dogs, Spicey and Pepper. She mostly enjoyed being outside doing yard work or helping her dad work in their garage. "Yes," Kelly says, "I was a tomboy." She loved climbing trees, fishing, camping, skate boarding, riding her bike, skating, jumping on a trampoline. She played tennis in high school. Now she describes herself as an 'outdoor adventurer' who plays all sports. If she's watching sports, her favorites are football and baseball as she cheers especially for KU, the Royals and the Chiefs. When listening to music, it's country and Kelly chooses 'It's your love' by Tim McGraw and Blake Shelton performing 'God's Country'.



Kenny was born in Lindsborg, Kansas into a Swedish family of five older brothers, four now living,. His father was a farmer, his mother was a nurse. Kenny was baptized at Messiah Lutheran Church in Lindsborg, and attended elementary & high school in Lindsborg. He was confirmed at Falun Lutheran Church.

"As a kid I met the King of Sweden when he visited Lindsborg. The king's visit to Lindsborg took place with the donation of the Swedish Pavilion which had been on display at the World's Fair. The building was dissembled, parts numbered, then reassembled in Lindsborg.



I remember growing up around horses and riding every weekend. I loved all of the horses, not just one. My chores were in the barn feeding, watering, brushing the horses and cleaning and sweeping out the stalls. I was a dare devil (boys will be boys!) coming up with crazy ideas to try. Growing up in a small town, my parents already knew what we did even before we got home!"

Kelly and Kenny met at a club in Salina. They were married in the Falun Lutheran Church. Being Kansas folks, they have lived in Salina, Lindsborg, Wichita and presently Haysville. Sadly, their daughter, Cariejo Ihnken, was lost in a car wreck at age 20 along with her daughter, Paige Marie, who would have been 14 this year. Their son, TJ Ihnken, age 32, lives in Concordia KS. Their daughter, Autumn Blomberg, adopted at 9 years old, now age 20, lives in Wichita. A line up of grandchildren includes Paige Marie, deceased, Aurora age 11, Audrey, age 8 and Royalty, age 1. (You may have had the pleasure of meeting Royalty as she attends RLC with her grandparents.)

Presently Kelly is working as a Certified Nurse Assistant at Diversicare in Haysville, she has previously worked at Walmart in Salina and Wichita. Kenny is a maintenance mechanic and supervisor for Castle Metals. He is also studying electronics at Wichita Technial Institute.

Being with grandkids, gardening, playing sports are Kelly's favorite leisure time activities along with tending and playing with their four American Eskimo dogs: Cody, Misty, Hollie & Sydney Lou. Goals, hopes and dreams are to spend time with their grandkids, to watch them grow and be a part of their lives.