



# 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 I think about the pandemic, I am reminded how we continue to look toward the future. I keep thinking that our time apart will be ending shortly. And then, something else will creep up and make us extend our quarantine stay at home time.*

*At first, we were going to suspend in-person worship for 2 weeks. Then I was hoping to come together again for Easter, then for Pentecost, then a date was set for July. And each time, the state mandates for the virus did not make it safe for us to gather in-person. And each time, I felt defeated and I'm sure you did as well.*

*There is a sub-committee from council who are working to make sure that we follow recommendations and make returning to in-person worship safe as well as continue to offer our virtual service each week.*

*I have noticed that this time apart has given us a new outlook, a new way to connect with one*

*another. Many families are spending more time together and connecting with one another in new ways.*

*Many families are gathering for meals together more often. Meals where they share about their day and talk about the future. Meals that could be compared to the meal that our Lord shared with his disciples before he was betrayed and that he still shares with us. Wonderful things can happen when we gather for a meal. When we gather to celebrate with one another and support one another and love one another. A love that was first demonstrated to us in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Through our faith we see God active in all areas of our lives.*

*I know that staying at home and not being able to gather has taken a toll on all of us. But there have also been many blessings during this time. Time for us to reconnect with each other and with God our creator. May this time of distance bring you closer to God and connect you with your faith more fully.*



*Peace and Blessings,*

*Pr. Elizabeth A. Cummings*

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## Unique Letter-Exchange Project

Do you want to sustain the community that is a hallmark of Women of the ELCA? Then join Dear Friend in Christ, a unique letter exchange project to which all participants are invited. Find out how it works at [womenoftheelca.org/special-initiatives/dear-friend-christ](http://womenoftheelca.org/special-initiatives/dear-friend-christ).



1. Write a letter. Use the “Dear Friend in Christ” salutation. Fill a page or two, however you are inspired. Among other things, please share your thoughts on these questions: *How is your faith in Jesus Christ sustaining you during the global pandemic? What words of encouragement can you offer the person who receives your letter?*
2. You can handwrite or type the letter.
3. You could include a drawing, a photo, or a recipe, anything that fits into an envelope.
4. Offer up a prayer for the recipient.
5. You may include your mailing address in the letter if you do not wish to remain anonymous.
6. Print and sign the [Dear Friend in Christ release form](#). If you don’t have access to a printer, please use [our online form](#). We cannot exchange letters without a release.
7. Mail your letter and signed release form to Dear Friend in Christ, Women of the ELCA, 8765 W Higgins Road, Chicago, IL 60631.

**Deadline for mailing letters to the churchwide organization is October 15, 2020.**

What else do I need to know?

1. When you write to Dear Friend in Christ, your letter will be swapped with a letter from another writer. They will get your letter; you will get their letter. The exchange is anonymous (unless you provide your contact information), so you can share as little or as much information about yourself as you like.
2. Dear Friend in Christ is open to all participants, although **writers under 18 must have parental consent**. [Download the release form](#).
3. Letters are paired at random, and we will try to match participants with someone in a different geographical part of the ELCA. Women of the ELCA staff read all letters before the exchange happens.
4. Letters will be mailed to participants on a rolling basis, beginning in June 2020. We will continue exchanging letters received through All Saints Day, November 1, 2020.

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### Church Staff

Pastor ..... Elizabeth Cummings  
Office Administrator..... Vicky Tully  
Treasurer..... Pam Porsch  
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Musician ..... Andrea Mendoza  
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**2021 ELCA Youth Gathering**



**NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING HAS BEEN  
RESCHEDULED FOR JULY 21-24, 2022.**

Boundless, God Beyond Measure

ELCA Youth Gathering June 29-July 3, 2021  
Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.

An important part of the Gathering's ministry are the two pre-events, the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event (MYLE), a faith formation and leadership development event primarily for youth of color, and the tAble, a gathering that gathers, blesses and empowers youth with disabilities.

See the Gathering website for the latest information at

<https://www.elca.org/Youthgathering>



*For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*

*- Jeremiah 29:11*

**Fall Tomah Shinga Auction**

Saturday October 3



Mark your calendars for Saturday October 3 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Come join in and help this Camp Tomah Shinga fundraising event succeed through an exciting afternoon of good food and interesting auction items!

**Tomah Shinga Gets a Greenhouse!**

Bethany College's former greenhouse is going to be a new asset to Camp Tomah Shinga! At the end of July Tomah Shinga director Jacob Spilker and his faithful team began to disassemble the greenhouse piece by piece, diligently numbering the beams, posts and bolts in order to be reassembled. In exchange for the labor and a couple of cases of cold bottled water, the greenhouse will be re-homed to Camp Tomah Shinga. Jacob was excited to report they will lovingly dub the greenhouse "Bethany's Garden" and produce home grown salsa which will be served to campers in Ye Olde Dining Hall. He and the others will breathe new life into Bethany's old, tired greenhouse and, in turn, it will serve them well.





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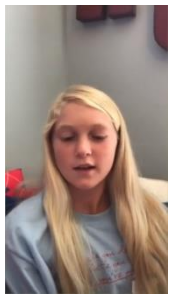
**Corona Virus Accommodations**

**Worship via video**



**Video Scripture Readers**

Some of **MANY** volunteers, **THANK YOU!**



Madison



Allison



Evelyn



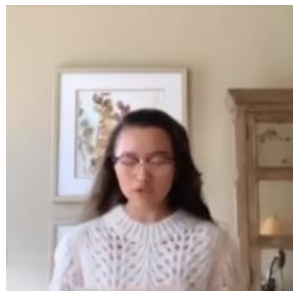
Evelyn



Robert



Rory



Emma

**DRIVE-BY COMMUNION**

Pastor Elizabeth has been available in the parking lot for drive-by communion distribution. **Directions:** Enter driveway. Then go east toward the monument then loop around in front of the building where Pastor will be standing in front of the church. (No one will exit their vehicle). Please stay in your car. Pastor will commune those in the car. Precautions for health & safety will be exercised. Exit out at either driveway.

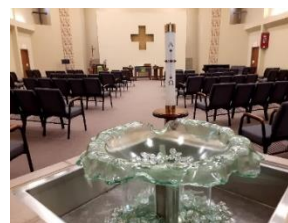


May 6, 2020



June 3, 2020 Assisted by Bert Kirkpatrick, Vicky Tully  
From the very hot asphalt paving Holy Communion was also distributed July 19 and 22, and August 19.

**Re-Arranged Sanctuary**



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### Zoom Prayer & Care Team



### Online Worship

By Evelyn Clark

Online worship hasn't diminished our worship experience, but rather enriched it. We're finding new and creative ways to worship.

I love how all the people have been lecturing, especially the youth. One of Resurrection's strong suits is their inclusion of youth in worship and they always do a great job. We'll have no shortage of people to call on to lector in the future.

Andrea's beautiful preludes and postludes put us in a worshipful state and remind us of how blessed we are to have her as our pianist.

Thanks to those who've been providing flowers for the chancel. They saw a need and met it.

Thanks to all for faithfully mailing in or bringing by the office their offerings. I think that some who had fewer places to spend money, perhaps gave extra to the church. Major expenses go on whether we meet on Sundays or not.

Thanks to Pastor Elizabeth for mastering speaking and taping at the same time. Moving from the narthex to the font to the altar area creates an up-close feeling for those of us who are watching.

My biggest thanks go to Vicky Tully, our office manager. Her editing of the worship service is outstanding. The art work she finds online is always appropriate to the lesson or hymn being shown. Today's, for example, had Jesus feeding the five thousand, talking with his disciples, and art to match each verse of the hymns. She perfectly matches the lines of the hymn to the melody being played.

We all look forward to being together again for worship and this experience will make us more aware and appreciative of what goes into the preparation for worship.

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### Notes from RLC Family and Friends

Tommy and Linda Rowe: We think of you all often and hope we see you again in 2021. May God watch over our Kansas brothers and sisters in Christ. Keep lifting high the cross!

Andrea Mendoza: I am gearing up to homeschool our girls, all while taking classes at WSU to finish my Masters and being a graduate teaching assistant.

Deutscher Family: We really miss church and our church family.

Rod & Claudia Howell: We are trying to stay low with Sturgis, Rodeo, and Kool Deadwood Nites, and lots of tourists this summer. We miss you all!! Love and hugs!!

Lois Hickman: I do miss my church friends, book club and bridge.

Roberta (& Marty) Gould: We truly miss our RLC family. We are presently attending a fairly large church but are enjoying it. People have been welcoming. I start school in a couple of weeks. Yes, I got a school job. It was God!! Just celebrate my bday with my two sons and families. God is good...all the time!!

RLC: Never in a million years could I have imagined I would go up to a bank teller wearing a mask and ask for money.

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### Zoom Coffee Catch-Up Following Worship



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**What are you doing during 'Stay At Home'?**

Vicky Tully: What I've been doing during pandemic is swimming a lot at my sister's house.

Lisa Atcheson: Taking time together for games, lots and lots of cooking and baking.

Anita Johnson: I did a little cleaning of the refrigerator magnets (VERY little) and found a poem that I've loved for years.

Loretta Holmes: Watching Owen, & 'Doing hair' here and there for stay at home folks.

William Casteel: Playing video games, watching TV

Ryan Marshall: We are usually fishing, hiking, swimming, or other outdoor activities

Andrea Mendoza: I've been embroidering, sewing, teaching piano lessons and taking piano lessons

Betty Batten: Praying that it ends!

Tommy & Linda Rowe: Less food temptation. Together, we've lost 28 pounds!

Deutscher Family: Darrin: at work during the day and trying to keep up with the yard. Deanna: tutoring 9 students, cleaning, cooking and swimming. Zoe: redecorating and painting her room, going to the high school for strength and conditioning (wearing a mask, yuck) and hanging out. Adam: playing flag football, swimming, spent a week at The Y for basketball camp and playing WAY to much Fortnite.

Lois Hickman: The same as before the virus. Clean, cook, babysit and work on restoring a house that was built in 1900.

Evelyn Clark: Self-quarantining was no problem but it did force me to resort to such things as cleaning out drawers, files, cabinets, etc. Notice, cleaning house was not mentioned.

Spend a few days each month in Topeka with family; they're self-quarantined, too. Reading lots of books.

Eric Dulaney: Eating Marge's cookies!!

Marty & Roberta Gould: We are staying in as much as we can.

Marcia Hampton: Curtis and I have been trying to figure out what we can do for our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 16. In a word... nothing. Not safe right now. :(

Pastor Dave Fulton: My COVID time has been, "Involved," with Veterans in the context of COVID. While we don't have many COVID patients, the pandemic is on everyone's mind.

Bruce Cloyd: Plenty of yard work, then rest!!!!!!

Rory Cummings: Once we finally found yeast, Oliver and I learned how to make bagels from scratch.

Vicki Larsen: Working in gardens, reorganizing & downsizing things & spring cleaning house, watching RLC service & participating in fellowship after church via Zoom, trying to learning how to cope with life without John, keeping in touch with family & friends via FB, texts, cards, phones, social distancing & .....staying home away from covid.

Clevenger Family: Logan – fishing, Madi - playing sports. Alli - learning new songs on the piano, Trisha - Finishing up projects around the house, Dustin - school work

Trudy Doll: Enjoying Grands!!! Working in my yard, reading, kayaking.

Evelyn Cherry: Burning up the telephone lines, praying, watching TV.

Clark Sholts: Mowing and doing the usual chores

Vicki & Bill Sample: painting and installing new doors in our home.



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Lydia Evans: Working outside, tending flowers, cleaning closets, Playing dominoes on Fridays with our daughters, Vicki & Diana.

Karen & Tressa Vogt: Painted their front door BLUE! Container gardening with cukes, squash, tomatoes.

Nathan Vogt Family: camping at Lake Eldorado to fish & swim. 2<sup>nd</sup> camping trip for Jordan's 13<sup>th</sup> birthday with a campfire in 90+ degree weather.

Jo Sorensen: listening to country music on her Kindle, playing with, training her puppy, watching Holocaust Survivors on the History Channel.

Gerald Yoachum: going to doctors, watering the yard and plants

Alice Yoachum: sewing and gardening

Claudia Howell: volunteer at Historical Society

Rod Howell: keeping busy fixing things

Rod & Claudia Howell: volunteer and deliver Meals on Wheels

Barry Schroeder: Two weeks of mandatory vacation led to the completion of some projects around home. Have transitioned to working from home. Still cycling, some running and online gaming with friends. Recently did a kayaking/camping weekend in NE with siblings.

### New Worship Book Supplement All Creation Sings

All Creation Sings is the forthcoming liturgy-and-song supplement to *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. A digital preview highlighting a sample of the liturgical content and assembly song is available on the All Creation Sings website. <https://www.augsburgfortress.org/promos/all-creation-sings/>

 AUGSBURG FORTRESS

### Christ in Our Home Email Subscription

Christ in Our Home is a quarterly devotional resource that encourages readers to live out their faith daily. Each reflective reading is accompanied by a daily scripture reference and prayer for the day that follows the Revised Common Lectionary.

With the outbreaks of coronavirus disease 2019 in North America and around the world many people may be without a physical copy of *Christ in Our Home*. To assist with devotional life during this time, we are offering a limited-time complementary email subscription. Sign up and we will deliver the daily devotional to your email at 4am Central Time through September 30, 2020.

### Mother's Covers

by Dona Maddux Cooper

When you were small and just a touch away,  
I covered you with blankets against the cool  
night air.

But now that you are tall and out of reach,  
I fold my hands and cover you with prayer.

-- Submitted by Anita Johnson



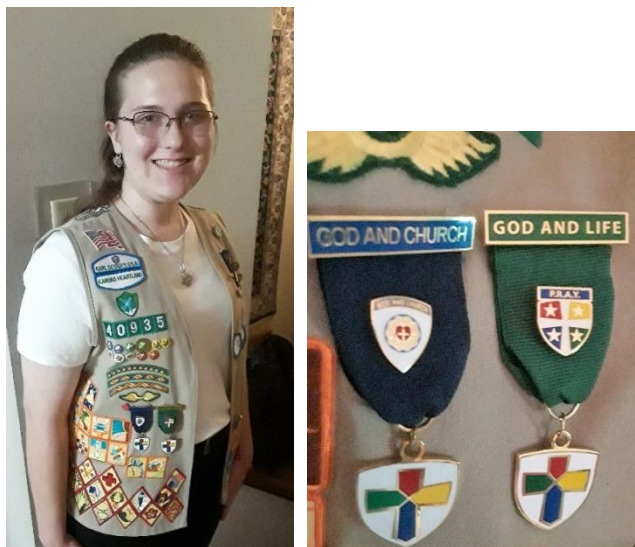
### Martin & Katie Luther Look Alike Fun



Lake Tully, Vicky's son, and Tristan Hendrickson

**Natasha Braun Earns 'God and Life', Scout Award**

Natasha worked with Pastor Elizabeth to earn the "God and Life" award. The program helps understand God's call in life and in the life of the church. The outline for this study is based on the life of the apostle Paul as recorded in Acts 9:1-31. Also, because Natasha has earned the previous three program awards (God and Me, God and Family, God and Church), she earned the "Four Star Award". Less the 1 percent of recipients in any year receive this award. The Braun family is very proud of Natasha!!" Resurrection is proud of Natasha too, and says, Congratulations, Natasha!



**Psalm 137 in Pandemic**

There we sat and wept  
By rivers in a rich land of exile  
A sojourner's home alone  
Apart from the family of faith's feast  
With spirited singing and sacrificial giving  
Sharing joys with sighs too deep for words  
For now, faith's family sits sheltering  
Displaced, disjointed by an arbitrary enemy  
Corroding community and testing faith  
With rules restricting, conflicting gola and bene gola  
Another generation, another persecution  
Yearning to return to harmonious halcyon days  
With recompense for burdens borne and losses grieved  
Lamentations of life and longing

Blessings+  
Pr Tom Schaefer

*Teach me to do your will,  
for you are my God;  
may your good Spirit  
lead me on level ground.  
- Psalm 143:10*

**Prayer and Care Team**

Bert Kirkpatrick

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans, 12:12

The Prayer and Care Team remains active behind the scenes. We are constantly aware that prayer is the foundation of the church. After Jesus overturned the money-changers' tables and the seats of those who sold doves in the temple, he said, My Father's house is a house of prayer..."

Therefore, we meet on Wednesday mornings to offer up prayers of intercession and thanksgiving, keeping in mind that only one of the lepers he healed returned to give thanks.

Through general funding we are able to help out both our members and people outside the church. There has been need of help with unexpected medical bills among our people as well as financial distress due to the Virus. We have been able to meet those needs, as well as church sponsored entities which carry out our mission to care.

**To God be the glory!**

**Thank You**

from Florence Boehringer

The Care Team has blessed many distraught people in the past. May God continue to show those who genuinely need the help so they may be blessed also.



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**God's Work, Our Hands 2020**



Plan for God's Work, Our Hands Sunday 2020. On Sunday, Sept. 13, congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) are invited to again participate in God's Work, Our Hands Sunday.

**Thoughts from Pastor Elizabeth:** I am encouraging our RLC family to participate in God's Work, Our Hands Sunday even if it is from a distance. Likely this year we will not be able to do something together as a congregation, but we can still be God's Hands in the way that we do things for others on Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, or ANY day. I would like members to send in pictures or write-ups of how they did God's Work especially on that day and we will share those on our Facebook page or in our weekly email

Sharing the love of Christ through service to our neighbors is work you do every day. We look forward to God's Work, Our Hands Sunday and doing this work again this year

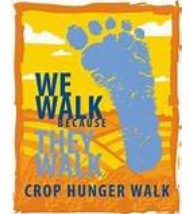
**Prayer Pause Invitation from Central States Synod**

Each day (Monday through Friday) at 1:00 p.m. we invite you to briefly pause (just for five minutes) to pray together (no matter where we are in the synod.) You can do this on your own as an individual or join a staff member on Facebook Live. The link is available at <https://www.css-elca.org/worship.Synod>



**Wichita CROP Walk  
Walk to Stop Hunger**

Wichita CROP Hunger Walk will be Sunday October 4th at Sedgwick County Park. People can already register as a walker and set up teams at:



<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/wichitaks/RLC>

If conditions dictate the walk will transition to a virtual walk and teams will be invited to be creative. Teams could take a walk around their church's parking lot with CROP Walk signs or take a group photo at a landmark or come up with another idea focusing on fighting hunger and send the picture to [elaine.harvey@wichita.edu](mailto:elaine.harvey@wichita.edu) to include on the [crophungerwalk.org/wichitaks](https://www.crophungerwalk.org/wichitaks) website or their Facebook page.

**It is an important time to take steps against hunger, here and abroad.**

**America Bless God**

**A Time to Come Together in Worship and Prayer  
for our City, State, and Nation.**

**Saturday, August 29th, 7:30-9:00 PM**  
**Riggs Park Amphitheatre**

With Exultation & The City Church Worship Band

Bring your lawn chairs

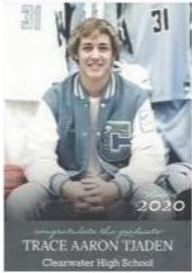
Special Guest Speaker  
**Jim Want**  
(Owner of Want Coffee)

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:  
- 1 Peter 4:10

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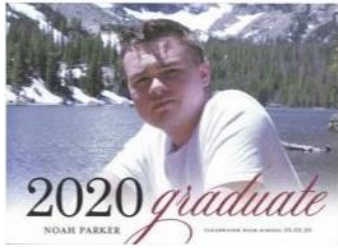
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**Congratulation to this Year's Graduates**



Trace Tjaden is joining US Marine Corp Reserves and attending Pittsburg State, majoring in Constructurion Management while throwing javelin on the Track & Field Team.

Noah Paker will be attending Fort Hays State University in the Fall of 2020, majoring in Informatics with a Digital Media focus as well as pursuing a minor in Graphic Design. He received the Tiger Pride academic scholarship from FHSU and also a small FHSU Marching Band scholarship. He will be participating in the marching band in the fall and be a part of the pep band during the basketball season. He also received a local scholarship from the Clearwater Foundation.



Colin Frickey received his Master's in Clinical Social Work from KU and is engaged to Kaycee Mayfield.

Have I not commandd you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

- Joshua 1:9

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**Imaging Scrapbook Team**

Cutting, stamping, pasting photos into scrapbook pages requires space to lay out various materials and consider the possibilities. The scrapbook team decided their activity fits into the 'social distancing' guidelines and so they recently met to work and have fun together. Scrapbooking together at their leisure for several years, the team has put together photo record album pages dating back to the 'old church'.

Feel welcome to pick up an album and enjoy watching our church family progress.

Anyone interested in creating scrapbook pages is welcome to join this happy group: Loretta Holmes, Vicki Larsen, Vickie Sample, Barb Shick, Noreen Sholts. \*We have SNACKS while we work! ☺\*





## Property Stewards Update

By Robert Nunn

Even though church services have been suspended because of the virus. There have been numerous projects completed on our church.

The Fellowship Hall/Kitchen flooring project has been completed and was done by Star Lumber.



Fellowship Hall has a fresh coat of grey paint with new window curtains too.



Outside LED building lights were installed by Shelton Electric.



Our LED Sign project is in the works, waiting on sign variance approval to obtain permits, so LED Sign Co. can get started.

Another upcoming project, will be for the parking lot lights to be converted over to LEDs.

We are down to only 2 out of the 5 parking lot lights that are currently working.

Property Committee members sure do miss everyone. Hopefully soon, we can resume services and get back to some form of church life together. See you all soon. Be Safe.



## Recognizing Ordination of Women

Congratulations! Resurrection together with our Pastor Elizabeth recognized the 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her ordination on July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020.



2019 and 2020 mark the celebration for 50 years of Lutheran women being ordained in the United States. The Central States Synod designated July 18 & 19<sup>th</sup> for the recognition and celebration of women in ministry.



## *From Grace to Glory*

Mariam Alberta Atcheson  
December 4, 1932 – July 1, 2020



## Wedding Anniversaries – Over a century of Wedded Bliss!



Betty & Brent Batten, married on August 9, 1969, celebrated 51 years together.



Jeanette & Bob Westerhaus, married on July 3, 1970, celebrated a Corona Virus 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary together – with and without masks!

*And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.*

*- Colossians 3:14*

### **Spotlight on Donna Tibbits**



I was born April 1st, 1944 in Gordon, Nebraska to John (Jack) and Doreen MacKinlay

In 1946 I became the proud sister to Jon (Rick) MacKinlay. I have always thought of my childhood as being ordinary for the late 40's and into the 50's. But maybe not so. My dad worked for the C&NW RR, so our family used the RR for transportation, including me as a small exploring child. If I decided I wanted to go see my grandparents, I would literally hop a train. I must have been fairly small because I rode on the engineer's lap, safely away from the fireman throwing coal into the tender. If that wasn't possible, I rode in the caboose. They were both fun, In the engine I got to blow the whistle at the crossing and ring the bell in the stations. In the caboose, I rode in the cupola, drank water out of the tiny pointed paper cups and counted dead animals or whatever along the tracks. My grand parents lived in Chadron 50 miles away. The train would stop as we got to their street, I would get off and my Grandpa Don would meet me for the 1 block walk home. Sometimes I don't think they knew I was coming because I wasn't met and they seemed surprised I was there. In the evening I would take the passenger back home. Definitely ADD was in my genes although then it was labeled as very active imagination or restless.

In Gordon we lived on a block with 27 kids, one of whom had a Cushman model 50 motor scooter. We had our own baseball teams, football teams, hockey teams as Little League didn't exist. I also had an obsession with model airplanes, and spent any money I could get on them. We had a Ground Observer Corps in Gordon and I went to all of the meetings. There we watched military movies of all different kinds of aircraft. This may have been the beginning of my career in aircraft.

I liked going to the farm where my Aunt and Uncle and my cousins lived east of Chadron. There I got to ride the horse, Cuddles, and generally explore, which I was inclined to do anywhere I was. Through these years I attended Sunday School at the First Presbyterian in Gordon or the Congregational Church in Chadron.

When I was 12, we moved to Rapid City, SD. We had city busses there. ...more exploring. I got my drivers license when I was 14. Then I could go anywhere as long as I was in the Black Hills. I started attending church at Faith Lutheran. I babysat for a young couple on Sunday mornings until I expressed an interest in going, at which time they took me and had to find a new sitter.

At 16, my wandering days were done. I got a job for NW Bell Telephone Co. My life was going to school, going to work, eating and sleeping. I graduated in 1962. I started dating seriously Marvin, whom I had known since 8<sup>th</sup> grade. We were married and had 4 children. Gary who lives in Wellington and works for the RR, Daniel who died in infancy, Gidget, who lives in rural Haysville and Douglas who was killed in a car accident in 1987. When that marriage ended in 1974, I went back to school, then went to work at Learjet, retiring in 2010. Our family attend Calvary Lutheran In Wellington, Ks where I was confirmed and we lived for many years. There was a time from 1984 until 1994 that I worked as a contract engineer for several aircraft companies and in different cities. The children were grown and I went back to my wandering and exploring.

About 1981 I had questions on baptism, sprinkling vs dunking. I prayed about it and agonized for several months it seemed. Then I started getting things, messages, TV Preachers, talking to friends, etc, a flyer on my door left by JWs. We at that time lived ½ mile east of Milan, KS sort of in the middle of nowhere. Then I went

*\*\* SPOTLIGHT \*\**

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to work and a fellow I worked with and a Baptist asked me about how I was baptized. Since that happened shortly after I was born by our local Parrish Priest, I didn't remember it. Later that day I went to the restroom and there was a small flyer sitting on top of the toilet paper roller. That night I called my friend Kathy to have her dad, the Baptist minister in Conway Springs, give me a call. The next Sunday I was submerged. I know Lutherans believe sprinkling is enough, but I felt the hand of God whacking me on the side of the head and saying, "Listen up girl". After all, he followed me to the bathroom!

I met Bob at work in 1994 and we married in 2002. I think he liked my motor scooters. He was an ex motorcycle road racer and was impressed that I had several scooters, none of which ran. They do now.

I became a Sedgwick County Extension Master Gardener in 2010, right after my term as Congregational President of RLC ended. My interest in gardening passed down from my father and my grandmother, although they were into flowers and my interest is trees and shrubs.

My life is also full of politics. Besides terms on church council, I am a board member for my township, past president of Bombardier Professionals Association, 1<sup>st</sup> vice president of the Cushman Club of America, president of the KS Cushman Club. Who said retirement is boring?

God has always had a part in my life, watching over me, how else would I have come through my adventurous years un-scathed? He was comforting me through the loss of children, loss of marriage, parents, my brother and best friend. I am Blessed with a husband, two children, 3 grandsons and one granddaughter-in-law and many, many friends and my pets.

Things I have on my Bucket list are going to the National Parks and catching a really, really big fish.



I am 3<sup>rd</sup> from left standing. My brother is on the right of the sitters