



# 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;

The season of Advent is upon us.

A time of preparation and waiting. In a society where we are used to getting things quickly and instantly.

I urge you to take time in prayer and preparation during this month as you prepare your hearts and homes for the arrival of the Christ child.

I am excited to try out an app during Advent that will send a daily text with scripture as we journey as a congregation to Christmas. Please join our on-line community by sending a text to 81010 with the message @rlchaysvil, you will then be instructed as to how to join the group.

We will also be having the Blue Christmas service again this year. On Wednesday, December 22 at 11:00am we will gather in the sanctuary for a time of remembrance, comfort and hope. You are then invited to join us for fellowship and a soup lunch following the service.



Thank you for all your help and assistance as our congregation hosted the Community Thanksgiving Service this year. Those in attendance commented how it prepared them for the upcoming holidays. And thank you for making the St. Paul's Breakfast a success. We had a wonderful turnout of helpers and fed over 90 people that morning. Thanks to all who gave of their time for this important outreach ministry.

Peace and Blessings,  
Pr. Elizabeth A. Cummings

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*You who bring good news to Zion,  
go up on a high mountain.  
You who bring good news to Jerusalem,[a]  
lift up your voice with a shout,  
lift it up, do not be afraid;  
say to the towns of Judah,  
"Here is your God!"  
See, the Sovereign Lord comes with power,  
and he rules with a mighty arm.  
See, his reward is with him,  
and his recompense accompanies him.  
He tends his flock like a shepherd:  
He gathers the lambs in his arms  
and carries them close to his heart;  
he gently leads those that have young.*

*Isaiah 40: 9-11*

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## Council Report

Council President Darrin Deutscher



Ryan Marschall - Vice President, Bill Sample, Darrin Deutscher – President, Donelle Frawley, Robert Nunn, Shari Jordan. Not pictured: Lisa Atcheson – Secretary, Rebecca McKusker

Your Church council has just finished our last meeting of 2021 where we elected new officers and set agendas for next year. We have continued to monitor the Covid numbers and have made adjustments as needed. At this time the council has begun to open up more and more activities in the hopes of finding our new normal routine. We hope that everyone is comfortable with this process and the continuing changes that may be needed.

The council was able to resume our normal meetings this year. During those meetings we worked on a review of all the policies and procedures that resurrection has in effect. Some minor changes were noted in the normal minutes of our meetings, but all policies are still essentially unchanged. The council decided that we would review all policies each year to make sure we were staying up to date on them. The council also made time to meet with individuals from

each committee to see how things are going and what we could do to assist the committees. Everyone who chairs or is part of any of these committees deserves a hearty thank you for the work you do. Our church could not continue without all of you.

The budget was a large part of our October and November meetings. Pam Porsch did an amazing job working up several different budget options and walking us through them. Thank you Pam. The budget was approved as presented at the annual meeting.

Three council member's terms expired but all three elected to run again so your council is unchanged for the 2022 Year. Robert Nunn will serve as President, Ryan Marshall will serve as Vice President, and Shari Jordan will serve as Secretary. I look forward to their continued leadership throughout the New Year.

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### Church Staff

Pastor ..... Elizabeth Cummings  
Office Administrator..... Vicky Tully  
Treasurer..... Pam Porsch  
Financial Secretary ..... Jan Albertin  
Nursery Supervisor ..... Holly Gonzales  
Musician ..... Andrea Mendoza

### Church Council

President ..... Darrin Deutscher  
Vice President..... Ryan Marshall  
Secretary ..... Lisa Atcheson  
Donelle Frawley  
Shari Jordan  
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## Reformation Day, Affirmation of Faith

On Reformation Day, Resurrection welcomed and celebrated three of our youth as they affirmed their baptism. During worship they read their statements of faith, offered prayer, assisted with communion and met their 3 year secret confirmation prayer partners. Of course, following worship, there was cake during the fellowship hour.



## Backpack Blessing

With summer quickly drawing to a close, Pastor Elizabeth invited anyone who wished to bring their backpack, carry-all bag or briefcase to worship. On August 15<sup>th</sup>, the collection did indeed receive a blessing.



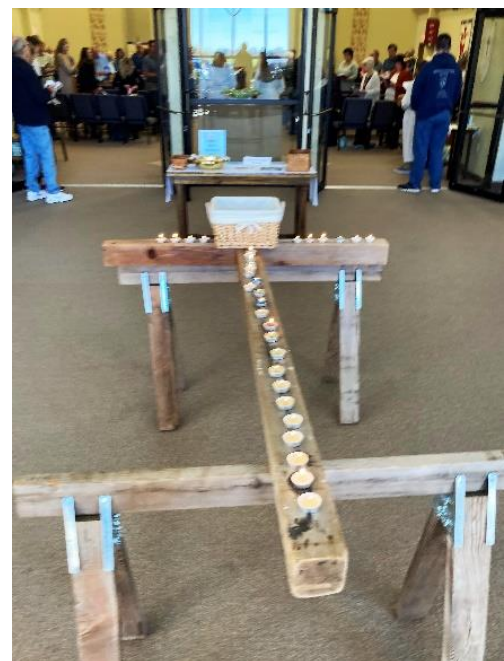
*If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*

*Matthew 6:30-33*

## All Saints Day, A Time of Remembrance

November 7-21

As folks gathered for worship on All Saints Day, they were invited to light a candle and place it on the cross in memory of those who have died. Nearby, were photos of loved ones whose testimony of faith also continues to live on. Candles on the altar were lit in memory of those who joined the church triumphant during the past year: Naomi Adams, Ray York, Roger Johnson, Bob Westerhaus.





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## **Pastor Appreciation Day**

Sunday, October 9, 2021

Although the calendar only designates one annual day for pastor appreciation, we at Resurrection are blessed and thankful to have three pastors in our midst. Pastor Elizabeth, of course, is our called and active pastor. Pastor Cheryl Hoops and Pastor Dave Fulton are active 'retired' pastors here at Resurrection offering willing service when called upon.



## **Thoughts from Evelyn Clark**

I now live in Topeka but appreciate receiving the area newsletter. I'm visiting ELCA churches here and trying to find a "fit." However, 62 years at Resurrection will make that a challenge. I'm realizing how unique RLC is and how much it was and is a part of my life.



The 2021 Central States Synod Convention recognized Tim Leaf for 25 years of ministry and Elizabeth Cummings for 10 years. Both began their ministries at Resurrection. Tim was pastor at RLC for 13 years and in the 2 years before Elizabeth arrived, we were served by two of the finest, the Rev. Tom Halstrom and the Rev. Larry Cross. We were also blessed with their two wonderful spouses: Martha Leaf and Rory Cummings. The congregation also rejoiced with them as they began their families.

I was fortunate to have been on both call committees and we were truly Spirit-led. Both pastors contributed to Resurrection being the strong, active Lutheran congregation that Resurrection is. Its youth are recognized and supported; at least 10 attended Camp Tomah Shinga this past summer on full scholarships provided by the Women of the ELCA group. They also lector and are included in the social ministry activities of the congregation. All age groups are represented in the RLC membership making it a joy to attend services and social events. Tim and Elizabeth both provided and provide leadership in the Haysville community. Both began their ministries with Resurrection and we were truly blessed.

Evelyn Clark, Charter Member of Resurrection Lutheran Church

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**Dear Pastors,**

**Thank you**  
for the early Sunday mornings & the late Wednesday nights.

**Thank you**  
for the seeds you plant & disciples you nurture.

**Thank you**  
for the sermons you preach & the prayers you lift up.

**Thank you**  
for the wise counsel & the words of encouragement.

**Thank you**  
for the sacrifice and service.

## **First Bible Presentation**

11-17-2021

First Bible Study begins when parents feel that their child is ready to begin learning and understanding a bit about the bible. Parents select their child's very own first bible, then several classes with our pastor take place. On a special Sunday, personal bibles are blessed and presented to eager learners.



## **Kick Ball Challenge**

On a lovely August 5<sup>th</sup> evening, kick ball teams from Christ, Reformation and Resurrection Lutheran Churches met at Christ Lutheran's field for a game of kick ball. Pastor Chad Langdon explained the game rules and led an opening prayer, and the game was on. Fun! Fun! There were talented pitchers, speedy runners and MANY outfielders (about 12), on both teams. Ultimately ("How long do we play? Until 8:00 pm"). Christ Lutheran had the most runs with the score 11-6, although this may be an on-going game. Yes, the teams and cheerleaders were welcomed for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Kick Ball Challenge on August 12<sup>th</sup> at Reformation Lutheran. We won't mention that score, just know it was a fun time.

Heads Up! There was mention of volleyball...



*From Grace to Glory*



*Celebration of Life*

**Naomi Mae Adams**

**Nov 16, 1933 – Sept 30, 2021**

*Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,*

*Philippians 2:3*



**Sunday School for ALL AGES Has Resumed**

Adult Faith Formation



**Sunday School, Jonah & the Whale  
The WHALE!**



Swallowed up, inside the whale



Whale spits them out.



**Pumpkin carving lesson.**



**Pumpkin Carving Prayer**

Lord open my mind and fill me with your wisdom  
(cut open the top)  
Lord take out all my sin and fill me with your love  
(scoop out the inside)  
Lord open my eyes to see you glory  
(carve the eyes)  
Lord let my life be a sweet aroma to you  
(carve the nose)  
Lord help me speak your words of truth and love  
(carve the mouth)  
Lord fill me with your light to shine for all to see  
(place candle inside)



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*Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.*

*Philippians 4:9*

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## Haysville Trick-or-Treat

This year, Haysville was again able to sponsor their annual Safe Halloween candy give-away. Halloween candy tables lined sidewalks along the main street and free hot dogs were also offered. During October Resurrection folks donated candy to be given at this event. The weather was fine and there was an un-ending line of trick-or-treaters. Thanks to our generous congregation, Resurrection's table had a good and plenty supply of candy to offer.



## Women of the ELCA

by Vicki Nunn

Thank You!\_\_We had a very successful bazaar and I sincerely thank all the ladies and men that helped with our bazaar. We couldn't have done it without all of you. Our much-loved past leader, Evelyn Clark came to support our church event and of course check it out. Thankfully we passed - this year!

A few changes were made:

1. The name, Fall Bazaar, was changed to 'Holiday Bazaar' to reflect the majority of our items offered this year.
2. The brunch/lunch menu saw a few changes.
3. Lattice panels were added for some much needed display space. (When you run out of space, you go up!)
4. The piano was transformed into a warm glowing fireplace.

Our CHRISTMAS BRUNCH will be on Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> during our regularly scheduled meeting at 10 am at the church. Alice Yoachum and Lydia Evans will be brunch hostesses, as has become a tradition. Also, as in past years, we will exchange Christmas ornaments. New happenings this year, we will reveal our secret sisters in Christ, and we will also be collecting hoodies for the local schools.

**WE WISH EVERYONE A VERY BLESSED CHRISTMAS.**

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## Women of the ELCA Virtual Convention "Live"

On September 10-11, Resurrection's Women of the ELCA hosted a live gathering to view the virtual Central States Synod Women of the ELCA Convention, "My Story, Your Story, Our Story". This gathering made possible a more "real convention feel". The Convention T-Shirt was, *Wear Your Favorite T-Shirt from a Past Convention!* With refreshments in hand, we met together yet attended the convention virtually. The goal was to gather everyone together!





## Holiday Bazaar

Our Resurrection Women of the ELCA held their annual Holiday Bazaar in November. During the summer, 'crafty' women gathered to create beautiful and unique as well as familiar bazaar items including over 30 themed and wrapped gift baskets. A small brigade of ladies assisted in setting up and serving for the event. The bazaar is famous for the multitude of bazaar items for sale along with brunch or lunch of homemade foods. It is the source to assist in funding for several youth events.

### Several Summer Bazaar Workshops



### November Holiday Bazaar



## YMT

by Pam Porsch

Our bierocks preparation and sale was a great success. On Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, six youth gathered to make 288 bierocks. On Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> the congregation purchased all 288 bierocks – WOW! We sold out in one day! Thank You for all who purchased the bierocks. We sincerely hope you enjoyed them! This fundraiser netted the youth just over \$600 to help fund our Mission Trips.

Heads Up! Mark your 2022 calendar for our Chili Cookoff & Dessert Auction. The event will be on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30pm. Be on the lookout for signups for the Chili Cookoff and Dessert Auction. Get those chili and dessert recipes out and ready for a goodhearted competition. If Chili cooking is not your thing, just come join us for an evening of fun and good eating!



### **Food Pantry Donation**

At every Sunday worship service there is opportunity for Resurrection folks to contribute food items via our ‘Little Red Wagon’. Have you ever wondered where that generous food collection goes? Haysville maintains a community food pantry for needy folks which is housed in and distributed by Haysville Baptist Church. Pastor Dave Vetter of Haysville Baptist Church received our donation for the community food pantry. Recently there was a Food Pantry appeal issued and Resurrection was able to help ‘fill the bill’ with boxes and bags of needed items. Jeanette Westerhaus and Bert Kirkpatrick shopped at Cash Savers store in Haysville to supplement canned goods, boxed dinners and cake mixes among other requested items. Bert remarked, “I added frosting mix for the cakes! How can you enjoy cake without frosting?” It was a happy task for these volunteers to shop and deliver several heavy, food filled boxes and bags to the Haysville Food Pantry.



Pastor Dave Vetter, Jeanette Westerhaus, Bert Kirkpatrick

*You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.*

*Galatians 5:13*

### **Advent, Preparing for Christmas!**

Electric Christmas Tree



Giving Tree for Haysville Community Outreach



Nativity Displays





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

**Decorating for Christmas**



**'Rehearsal for Christmas Eve'**

**Kids Christmas Program**



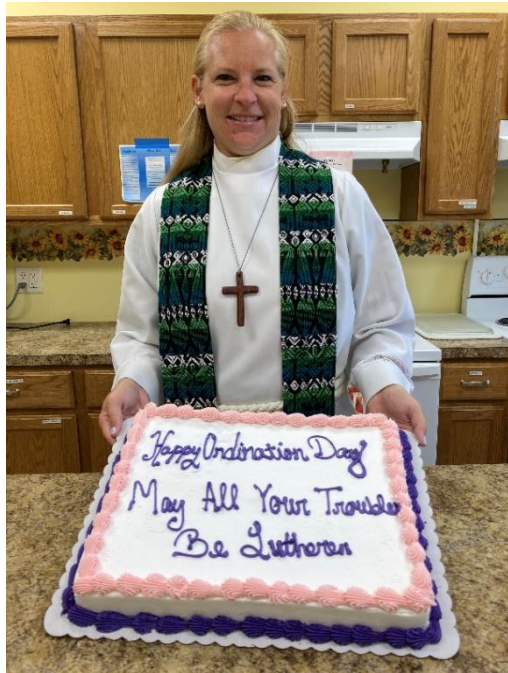


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## **Pastor Elizabeth's 10<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary**

Sunday July 18<sup>th</sup> in honor of Pastor Elizabeth, Resurrection celebrated our Pastor, the Rev. Elizabeth Cummings, on the 10th Anniversary of her ordination, July 17, 2011. Council vice president, Ryan Marshall, represented the congregation in presenting Pastor Elizabeth a cross woven of Kansas wheat, handmade by local wheat artist, Marian Vavra. Of course there was CAKE following worship.



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## **Pastor Tim Leaf 25<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary**

On August 15<sup>th</sup>, our former pastor, Tim Leaf, celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination. Several of our members travelled to Trinity Lutheran Church in McPherson to be present and celebrate the occasion with Pastor Tim and his family.



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## **Veterans Appreciation**



In a November worship service, Resurrection thanked these military veteran members for their service: Bill Sample, Rory Cummings, Tim Frawley, Bert Kirkpatrick, Jan Albertin, Bruce Cloyd, Clark Sholts.



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## **Family Promise**

Empowering homeless families to achieve sustainable independence.

By Ryan Marshall



Family Promise is the only local organization that keeps homeless families together. Their program helps give these families the tools to be successful while providing shelter, food, and transportation to school or work. The families are kept confidential so they paint their family portraits shown in the pictures above. The paintings above reflect the families that graduated Family Promise in recent years and there have been many more families in the program. Overnight lodging and meals are provided by groups/congregations, using existing facilities and volunteers.

Resurrection Lutheran helps cook dinner and host the families that stay at Haysville Christian Church. A Family Promise, Dream Big Gala, was held at the Mark Arts building on Oct. 28. This was a celebration of the 5 years that they have been operational. There was a silent auction as well as a live auction. Resurrection thanks Karen & Tressa Vogt, Loretta Holmes, Pam Porsch, Pastor Elizabeth, Haylee, Ryan & Taeden Marshall and Jeanette Westerhaus for all their support over the years!!



If you have an interest in joining our Family Promise group, please see me, Ryan Marshall.

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## **Crop Hunger Walk**

Wichita CROP Hunger Walk was held Sunday October 3rd at Sedgwick County Park. The annual walk is an important time to take steps against hunger, here and abroad. For several weeks prior to the walk, there was an opportunity to donate peanut butter, and Resurrection responded! The generous peanut butter donations were packed and Resurrection's walking team gave them to the Crop Hunger Walk.



Peanut Butter Packers: Landon Schill, Oliver Cummings



Resurrection's Walk Team: Barry Schroeder, Rory & Oliver Cummings, Emma Atcheson, Pastor Elizabeth.

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## **Property Committee Report**

by Robert Nunn

Hello Property Stewards, Spring and Summer and this Fall have been productive at Resurrection Lutheran.

The annual water filter replacements were completed in April on both the Sterling Water System (well water system) and the Font System.

A drainage project on the Northside of the church building was completed in May by Contour Landscape (Dirk Schill). This will direct proper drainage away from the building, especially during heavy down pours.

The church front rock-beds and the Southwest front rock-bed were upgraded with new plants and flowers completed by Pam Porch. Thank You Pam, they look Awesome.



Parking Lot Lights - Photocell Eye was replaced by Shelton Electric, No Charge. Monthly Emergency Light checks are completed and documented by Bob Shick. Two lights were replaced this year along with batteries. Thank You Bob, for your dedication and commitment in checking the church's' emergency lighting system.

Water Valve for the sprinkler system was repaired by OP Landscape.

Annual AC/heat checks completed by Comfort Aire (was Mussat ) now owned by Eugene's son, Domenic.

A-Ford-Able Locksmith replaced front East door pushbar and adjustments were made to front West doors. A bid was received from A-Ford-Able Locksmith to replace/ rebuild all internal components on the 4- Front Church Doors.

Wolfe Lawn Care did an outstanding job on mowing the church property with no issues, plus very nice work.

Sanctuary/Narthex LED Lighting estimates were received from Shelton Electrics. The bid has been met, thanks to your contributions. We are waiting to be scheduled, hopefully during the winter months.

Thank you to everyone for your contributions towards this project.

We held our annual Oktoberfest fundraiser and it was outstanding. We raised a little over \$800 dollars which was given towards the Sanctuary/Narthex LED Lighting project. A Total of over \$1700 dollars from the Property Fundraising Account, has been given towards the LED project, thanks to your contributions.

Church Fall Workday was scheduled to coincide with the Annual Christmas Decorating on December 5th.

The Flooring Balance continues to grow with the next carpet flooring project being the Sanctuary. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Last but not least, the monument decorating for Christmas was a huge success. A Special Thanks to Kelly and Kenny Blomberg for putting together the design and gathering the materials for our monument light display. Many thanks to all for your financial support and your hard work that allowed the display to happen. This was an awesome job, and is an awesome display. *See photo, page 10.*

Property Committee meets the first Wednesday of every month, if you think you might be interested.

Thank You All for your continued support and generous giving towards Your Church Property.

“Thanks Be To God”





### **Oktoberfest**

Resurrection's Property Committee held their annual Oktoberfest on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>. It was such fun to gather together again. Sauerkraut, brats (or hot dogs), potato salad and German beer were served. For the past several weeks, there had been bidding for donated items in an on-going silent auction. This day, silence and undivided attention spread through the crowd as the auction winners were announced. Oktoberfest proceeds were added to the fund for new LED lighting in the RLC sanctuary.



### **God's Work Our Hands**



This year Resurrection volunteers assembled care packages for the newly opened Veterans Administration Substance Abuse Treatment Facility. We put together 20 bags with hygiene products, snacks, activities such as puzzles and crosswords, and supplied every bag with a pair of comfy socks. All of this was put in a reusable bag with an inspirational saying on it that the veterans can keep.



*Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.*

*1 Corinthians 15:58*

## \*\* SPOTLIGHT \*\*

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### Meet Pastor Cheryl Hoops



I was born in 1947 in Rugby, North Dakota and am what is called a “cradle Lutheran.” My family moved to Carrington, ND when I was a sophomore in high school, and I graduated from Carrington High School in 1965. My dad owned a furniture store, and my mom was a homemaker. I have one sister three years younger than I; Christie lives in Kalispell, Montana.

After high school I attended the University of North Dakota for a year and then moved to Minneapolis where I attended the Minnesota School of Business to become a court reporter. I returned to Rugby where I served as the court reporter for the district judge. In 1970 I married, and my husband and I moved first to Tulsa and then in 1973 to Wichita where our two sons were born and raised. After staying home with my sons, Brian and Andrew, for 6 years, I went back to work as a lumber buyer and office manager for Perfection Truss – then owned by Amsden Lumber. After moving to Hutchinson in 1984 I worked for Farmland Industries, Behlen Manufacturing and Master Machine Tools before I made another big switch to the health insurance industry. I worked in administrations for Blue Cross Blue Shield in Hutchinson, then transferred first to Wichita and then to Winfield to work in sales. In 2000 after my sons were both on their own, I moved to Great Falls where my sister and my parents were living. I went to work for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana. All told I spent 18 years in the health industry.



It was while working in Great Falls that I felt called to the ministry and in 2004 entered long-distance seminary while still working. In 2006 while still in seminary I was assigned by the Montana Synod to serve a three-point parish in north central Montana – the American Lutheran Churches of Harlem, Hogeland and Turner. I was called as their pastor in 2008 and served those wonderful farming and ranching communities until I returned to Kansas in 2011. I did a year-long chaplain residency at Wesley hospital in 2011-2012 and then served as part-time interim pastor at Zion Lutheran in Hutchinson, Reformation Lutheran in Wichita and Maricopa Lutheran Church in Maricopa, Arizona. I retired several times since 2016, always being drawn back to the ministry.

Just before I graduated from Seminary and began my official call in Montana, I traveled to Israel and Egypt with a group of Montana pastors. That experience changed how I read the Bible. That was my first trip abroad and since then, I’ve been to Rome, Germany (with a Wichita group that included Evelyn Clark), Alaska, Hawaii, a Mediterranean Cruise that followed in the footsteps of St. Paul. That took me once again to Rome, various places including Corinth in Greece and Ephesus in Turkey.

One of the greatest highlights of my travels was a second trip to Germany in 2014 where I was blessed to serve as a volunteer pastor in Wittenberg, Germany. Walking in Martin Luther’s footsteps and preaching in the places that he preached was an experience of a lifetime.

My older son Brian and his family are building a home in Haysville and my younger son Andy lives and works in Wichita. I have two wonderful grandchildren, 19 year-old Jackson who is in the USAF currently stationed in Utah, and 16 year-old Kierstin who is a sophomore at Campus.

When at home, I can most often be found with my nose in a book and my dog Lucy in my lap. I also love going to theater and symphony productions with friends. I am delighted to be a part of Resurrection Lutheran Church and look forward to finding new ways of serving God among you.



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

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### Meet Jane Bishop



I was born in Milbank, S Dak to Gene and Myrtis Bucy. I have two sisters in Oregon and a brother in Montana. When I was a baby, our family moved to Montana.

There I was baptized at St. Paul's church, confirmed at First Lutheran church. I graduated from Anaconda, Montana Senior High and attended Community College in Oak Harbor.

On New Year's Eve, 12/31/71, Jim Bishop and I were married at First Lutheran church in Anaconda, Montana. Jim was in the Navy when we married, so the longest we lived in any one place was three years.

Our oldest son is Seth, born in Oak Harbor, Washington. He lived in the Seattle area and two years ago moved to Kansas City. I'm happy that he's closer. Our second son, Aaron, was born in Beeville, TX and is now living several blocks from us with his wife, Melissa, and two sons James and Ben.

Over the years, I was a cook at a high school in Redmond, WA and also at a women's shelter in Joplin, Mo. I was the front desk receptionist at a mental health and drug counseling facility in Riverton, KS for 11 years. I retired from there 3 years ago.

Jim and I enjoy traveling. I hope to see the northern east coast. Maybe next year!

