



# 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;*

*Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

*The season of Easter is finally here! It might have seemed like Lent would last forever but, finally our Alleluias have returned! The Easter season lasts for the next 50 days or 7 weeks as we journey toward Pentecost. As we journey toward the birthday of the church.*



*This year the season of Lent gave us the opportunity to gather for a meal and share the service of Holden Evening Prayer. Thank you to Tressa, Rhonda, and Cheryl for leading us on those Wednesday nights. And thank you to all who brought soups, bread, veggies, and desserts to share. It was sacred time for us to be together in community to share a meal and share in an intentional close to our day.*

*I have taken that practice with me into our home. Each night, there is a rhythm, a*

*schedule, a litany as we get ready for bed. PJ's are selected, books are chosen, snacks are picked out. We read stories on the couch, then brush our teeth and lay down in bed. Then we pray. It's the same prayer I said when I was a child. Sometimes we say it together, sometimes we sing it, sometimes we say it quickly. But each time we say it we are reminded that God looks after us in our sleeping and our waking hours.*

*I pray that you find time for a practice, a rhythm, a litany that connects you back to God during this season of Easter and into the season of Pentecost.*

*Peace and Blessings,*

*Pr. Elizabeth A. Cummings*



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Dear People of Resurrection Lutheran Church,

It is with excitement and sadness that I write to announce that I have accepted a new call, to serve as the pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wethersfield, CT. I am resigning from serving as the pastor of Resurrection and my last Sunday with you will be June 12, 2022.

I know this likely comes as a surprise to many. But, after several months of prayer and discernment, I am confident and trusting that the Holy Spirit is calling me elsewhere now.

When you called me in 2011, I was newly married and starting my ministry among the people of Haysville, KS. A place I had only visited a few times but had already bought a house.

For almost eleven years, we have worked together, learning from each other, exploring what ministry can look like. You taught me some things about being a good pastor, and I hope I taught you some things as well. We stumbled a bit, and celebrated a lot more, and all along the way held each other in prayer and faith. You have been incredible witnesses to me and have given me hope for the future of the Church. I have said all along, and still believe; I got the first call jackpot! My family and I are lucky to have called this place home for the past eleven years.

I believe you are ready for some new leadership, new ideas, and new approaches to living into the call of ministry. Between the wonderful leaders who were here when I arrived, and the many incredible and gifted people who have joined since I've been here, I have no doubt that you are in good hands and will continue to live into God's mission for you in the wonderfully unique ways you always have, and the ways you've yet to discover.

On a personal note, you are all very special to me and I am proud as well as humbled to have been your pastor. You have been an immense blessing to me by being with me through so many major life events. I thank God for all of you.

I will be holding you in prayer as you discern and seek out the next pastor who will serve alongside you and have asked St. Paul's to pray for you in the coming weeks. I ask that you also hold my family and I, and the good people at St. Paul's, in your prayers, as we begin our ministry together in July.

In Christ,

The Rev. Elizabeth A Cummings

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**Jeremiah 3:15 “And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.”**

***Thank You Pastor Elizabeth for your service to Resurrection Lutheran Church!***

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## Hello From Church Council

Robert Nunn, Council President



*Bill Sample, Ryan Marschall - Vice President, Lisa Atcheson, Donelle Frawley, Shari Jordan – Secretary. Darrin Deutscher, Robert Nunn – President, Rebecca McKusker*

There was no Council Retreat for 2022. Individual committee items and monthly devotions are offered at council meetings monthly.

The 2022 Budget was Approved at the Annual December 2021 meeting. Three Council members, Darrin Deutscher, Ryan Marshall and Bill Sample, have elected to remain on council for another 3 year term. Thank You for running and staying on council.

The Staff Support committee consists of Loretta Holmes, Jeanette Westerhaus and Trish Clevenger and will be starting employee evaluations in May.

Council has been reviewing and updating church policies and procedures monthly. The Musician Contract for substitute musicians pay was updated/modified showing Resurrection Lutheran Church responsible for payment. The Long Range Planning questionnaire was discussed and accepted. Results were included in the May 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting packet.

The annual audit was completed and presented to the congregation at the May 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting. The Audit Team consists of Jim

Frickey, Ladonna Lawrenz and Brad Parker. Based on the audit work performed, the books and records of Resurrection Lutheran Church appear to be materially accurate in all respects. The controls governing the financial operations process appear to be in place and operating as intended. Thank You Audit Team.

Resurrection Lutheran Church will be a Crop Walk Sponsor with our church logo on T-Shirts.

Council Approval was given to purchase a Digital Storm Computer, Vmix software and a battery backup for the Live Stream Project.

Our Church is Blessed as we continue to Grow God's Kingdom. Thanks Be To GOD.

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**“Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.”**  
**Philippians 2:3-4**

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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

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## Covid 19

By Jeanette Westerhaus &  
Cash Pegg-Westerhaus

November 2019 caught the nation by surprise with covid virus spreading from Wuhan, China. No one was prepared for this. Soon hospitals filled to beyond capacity. Patients were coming in with respiratory complications, coughs, fever, loss of taste and smell, body aches and numerous other symptoms. Medical personnel were overwhelmed with patients dying within minutes, hours or days. There was no time for words to be spoken, just hearts to be broken.

Preventative preparations were being made in businesses, schools, hospitals, churches such as gatherings and events cancelled, social distancing, masks worn, limited singing, temp taking. All of this was to protect ourselves and others.

A lot of people laughed about it, ignored it, and fought the regulations. They claimed it was a ploy not a real thing. Where did all the death, tears, sadness and statistics come from if this was a joke?

Years went by while medical labs developed vaccines for this dreaded deadly virus. Some families living in the same house had to live separately from each other. The Hickmans and Frickeys, with 16 in the house, lived in bedrooms, an office and on other floors. Shelby Westerhaus and I had covid at the same time, lived on two separate floors and sent her son to his other household. After school he, Cash would walk to our house, knock on our door and wave and then wait outside for his ride.

Several families worked or taught from home and still do. Ryan Marshall worked from home several times while in quarantine. The Parker family, both teachers, both taught from home via video, and others too numerous to mention had their lives changed forever.

Words were not spoken and hearts were broken as Gerald and Alice Yoachum shared.

“When we first heard of covid I was pretty frightened. Gerald and I never thought of it hitting our family like it did. Our son-in-law, Larry was the first to contract covid. He suffered a heart attack Jan, 2020 and perhaps this made him more vulnerable. I feel he did not want to leave our daughter Nancy alone and that he waited too long to get care. He was in the hospital for three weeks. Nancy suffered from polio since an infant. She was bedfast due to post-polio syndrome. She became infected with covid from Larry and did pass away September 4, 2020. Less than a week later Larry passed away. This hit the family hard. We thank God that the rest of us are okay. Many prayers went up for our family. We keep praying for support.

You will recall that Resurrection observed social distancing with widely spaced chairs, singing and the children’s sermon were eliminated from worship. When our church closed, worship services were offered via video with only Pastor Elizabeth in the sanctuary, scripture was read from homes, parking lot communion was offered, various meetings took place via ‘Zoom’. We did most certainly continue to worship and thank God for his love & care. Now, we are grateful to ‘be back’!



However recently mask mandates are being put into effect again in some places as this goes to press. Here we go again.

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

**Resurrection Observes Lent and Celebrates Easter**

Palm Sunday was windy.



Prior to their first communion, kids study and bake communion bread.



**Maunday Thursday Foot Washing & Good Friday**



**Easter Vigil & Easter Sunday**



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

**Yippee! It's Back!**

After a very long covid restriction period, Pastor Elizabeth was able to resume offering a 'Children's Sermon' beginning in March. It has been happily welcomed back!



On Easter Sunday, it was time to open the chest holding the Alleluias!



Pastor Dave Fulton had a fun children's sermon during 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter Service.



**2022 Youth Quake, 'Courage'**

The 2022 Youth Quake gathering for middle and high school youth was held in Wichita Feb. 4-6th.

There were six of Resurrection's youth accompanied by two RLC adults able to attend this faith and spirit lifting event.

The theme for the weekend was *Courage* based on Joshua 9:1



## Holy Rite of Baptism, Sophie Mae Sample

By Vickie Sample

Sunday, May 1, 2022 was not only May Day, it was also a day of celebration of baptism for Sophie Mae Sample. She was born June 20, 2000, the daughter of Brett & Jennifer Sample. Her sponsors are proud grandparents William & Vickie Sample. Our congregation welcomes Sophie into the family of God's people. May blessings shower her throughout her life.



## Holy Rite of Baptism, Keaton James Cromwell

May 8, 2022 was a day of celebration as Keaton James Cromwell was baptized and became a child of God. Keaton was born December 29, 2021 to Kalen & Brooke Cromwell. His baptismal sponsors are Ben Jensen & Danielle Rietzke. Our Resurrection family, Keaton's family and sponsors did promise to support and pray for Keaton in his new life in Christ..



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*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.*

*Matthew 28:19-20*

## Camp Tomah Shinga

Reflect with Camp Tomah Shinga on “Get out of the Boat”. This year’s theme for Camp Tomah Shinga is “Get out of the Boat” and they are inviting all to join them each month as they share the #GetOutOftheBoat Bible study verses for the summer! Save to your phone as a reminder, share with a friend, or comment on how you plan to connect the verse to your daily life. At Camp Tomah Shinga, leaders encourage reading the story surrounding the verse for a better understanding. The story theme for this summer comes from: Jesus Walks on Water, Matthew 14:22-33



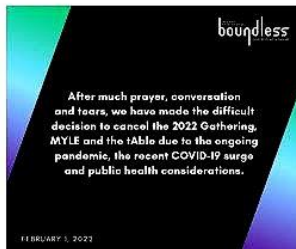
In February, Jacob Spilker, Tomah Shinga Camp Executive Director, visited Resurrection. Always a dynamic presence, he delivered the Sunday message, led songs and brought good news that the camp is open for campers this summer. Also, our own Derick Marshall will be a Tomah Shinga Camp Counselor during this camping season.

### Camp Tomah Shinga Teaming with Bethany College and Central States Synod and

**CAMP TOMAH SHINGA**  
Synod Youth Leaders in Planning an 2022 “No Coast” Youth Gathering  
In light of the 2022 ELCA National Youth Gathering being cancelled due to COVID-19

connected considerations, Camp Tomah Shinga is working with youth leaders from across the synod and is preparing to offer an alternative event. They have extended this invitation!

"Join us July 23rd-27th for the No Coast Youth Gathering at Camp Tomah Shinga. Partnering with the Central States Synod and Bethany College, we are excited to serve the central states (and beyond) for an alternative ELCA National Youth Gathering. With special guest speakers, a band, and much more, this is an event you will not want to miss! Food, housing, service projects, and events are all included in the \$450 price."



## Sunday School Fun

Tressa Vogt guided some of Resurrection's children in creating beautiful 'stained glass' entry doors in preparation for Easter.





**Congratulations, 2022 Graduates!**



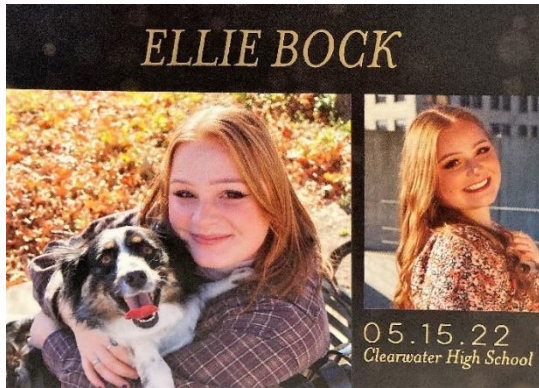
*For He will command  
His angels concerning you  
To guard you in all your ways*

*Psalm 91:11*

**Emma Atchison** – Derby HS- Emma will attend Creighton U. in the Fall.



**Ellie Bock** – Clearwater HS- Ellie will attend WSU in the Fall.



**Trey Gonzales** – Northwest HS- Trey is presently unsure of future plans.

**Lucas Frickey** – Lucas earned his Medical Degree from University of North Carolina. He will start his residency in Indianapolis, IN

**Tyson Doll** - K-State- Tyson is moving to WI.

**May Book & Bake Sale**

Women of the ELCA Fund Raiser

In May it means that our Women of the ELCA will hold their popular Book & Bake Sale. Yummy home baked goods begin the event with the 'bring or take for a donation' book sale which lasts throughout May. The funds raised by these events are used mainly to provide summer camp scholarships for our youth.



## God's Work. Our Hands Sunday



God's Work. Our Hands Sunday is happening on **September 11, 2022**. This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Resurrection's service activity will soon be announced. Plan to join the action and the fun and *wear your 'church shirt'*.

(Say "church shirt" five times very fast.)

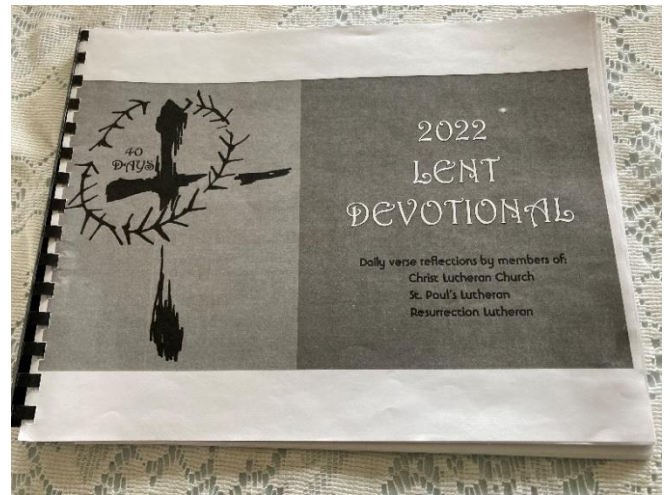


Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

Check out the resources for God's Work. Our Hands Sunday, this year **September 11, 2022** at <https://www.elca.org/Resources/GWOH-Sunday>

## A Daily Lenten Devotional

Resurrection partnered with 3 other churches, St Paul, Christ and Reformation Lutheran, to put together a booklet of written reflections that were shared by RLC members and friends daily during the season of Lent.



## Collecting Socks

During Lent, Resurrection folks gathered and donated new socks for the Haysville School District. The socks were given to children who have need for dry, clean socks to help their concentration and maintain their good health.



## **Valentine Brunch**

On Feb. 13th, Resurrection's Property Committee hosted a Valentine Brunch. Cinnamon rolls, choice of six breakfast casseroles, fruit and muffins were on the menu. The event was well attended with the funds raised designated for an outdoor Christmas Nativity Display.



## **Lenten Soup Suppers**

On Wednesday evenings during Lent and prior to the Holden Evening Worship Service, Resurrection folks gathered to enjoy soup suppers. Sign-up sheets listed options for soup, bread, veggies or dessert which resulted in many delicious choices along with happy fellowship.



## **Our Busy Youth**

Pam Porsch

Plant Sales - The Youth just completed their annual plant sale and what an awesome sale it was. There were 27 members and friends who ordered 418 plants with the sales totaling \$1,407 - our largest sale, yet! Several congregation members have had wonderful results from the plants they purchased from the youth in years past. 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 and friends. Thank You for your support!



## **Our Gifts Are For Encouraging**

Help us, Lord, to see ourselves  
Through your loving eyes,  
To see what you see in us  
And to come to realize

That everything that we possess  
Comes directly from you,  
The gifts, the talents you've placed within  
Are there for us to use

To reach with hope to those that hurt,  
To those who've lost their way  
It's your gifts, Lord, they're not our own,  
So take them, Lord, we pray

And use them for your glory,  
So others may be blessed  
And have their spirits lifted  
And their souls also refreshed

So they can then be challenged  
To seek more after you,  
To be much more empowered  
For whatever they may do

For each of us have talents  
That God has placed within  
So we can encourage others  
To have a closer walk with Him

And as we encourage another,  
We can be encouraged ourselves,  
For there needs to be a continual flow  
And a continual pouring out

And as we do this, we will find  
Insecurities will disappear  
And we'll be strengthened in His love  
To overcome our fears.

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## **Resurrection Youth**

In January for several years now, Resurrection youth hold their favorite fundraiser, the Chili Cook-off and Dessert Auction. This year there were 14 chilis for the youth to serve to a room full of taste testers: church members, their friends and neighbors. As the youth served chili samples, tasters made notes about each chili (tasty, too hot, bring more, etc.) and at last a vote for their favorite was cast. As the votes were counted, full bowls of chili were served along with varied 'fixins'. Following the chili feed, there was time to view desserts to be auctioned. Now the youth became runners to help the auctioneer tempt folks as they bid on the delectable desserts. At last the votes were counted and the 2022 Chili Cook-Off winners are: 1<sup>st</sup> place: Carly Holmes & Owen Jondoh, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Rory & Oliver Cummings and 3<sup>rd</sup> place goes to Carolyn Frauenfelder.

While having a fun and filling evening, this event raises funds to help Resurrection youth attend conventions or camp.



Servers ready to present tasting samples.



'Fixins' for bowls of your favorite chili.



Youthful chili servers and dessert runners



2022 Chili Cook-Off winners

**Congratulations to Ben Fulton  
on his Ordination**

Congratulations to Ben Fulton on his Ordination. Several Area Ministry 5 people including Pr. Chad Langdon, Christ Lutheran, Wichita, Pr. Ralen Robinson, Reformation Lutheran, Wichita, and retired Pr. Dave Fulton and Mary Fulton traveled to Salemsborg Lutheran Church to attend the January 8th ordination of Ben Fulton. Ben has been serving the Falun/Salemsborg Lutheran Parish while in the Collaborative Seminary Program of Wartburg Seminary. Ben is shown here with his father, Pr. Dave Fulton. Notice the stole, which was originally worn by Pastor Dave at his ordination is now shared by father and son.



**In Remembrance  
Rick Clements**

12/15/43 - 2/7/22



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*You did not choose me, but I chose you  
and appointed you that you should go  
and bear fruit and that your fruit should  
abide, so that whatever you ask the  
Father in my name, he may give it to  
you. - John 15:16*

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*Jesus said to her, "I am the  
resurrection and the life.  
Whoever believes in me, though  
he die, yet shall he live, and  
everyone who lives and believes  
in me shall never die. Do you  
believe this?" - John 11:25-26*

## **Spotlight on Emma Atcheson**

By Jeanette Westerhaus & Cash Pegg-Westerhaus



Emma was born Yong Feng in the Jiangxi Province of China. She is the daughter of Kris and Lisa Atcheson and has 2 sisters, Marriah and Rosa. Coming to the United States as an infant she was baptized and confirmed at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Haysville, Kansas. Emma has been an active member in church, while growing in her spiritual and academic life.

First let's remember Emma as a little, black haired, beautiful child. Emma says, "I remember when I was little, I brought my huge stuffed wolf to church and put it beside me. It's very large and pretty realistic looking and it looked like it was laying in the seats. Several people thought I had brought a live dog to church." Now, as a pre-college student, by the way it's Creighton University, she works two jobs to help with financial expenses. One of the jobs is taking care of peoples' animals when needed. She has graduated to dogs, cats, and donkeys from the poor old stuffed wolf. Now her live pets include Tippy, a miniature poodle/bichon and Snickers, a mixed Minnie rat terrier.

Being a superb musician Emma provides help and enjoyment at church and school with her piano playing. Beside playing piano, she is a talented artist which provides much needed relaxation. She also loves journaling, painting, sketch booking, scrapbooking, playing piano, listening to music, playing tennis and pickleball. She says, "I really enjoy creativity and reading when I have extra free time, which isn't often."

Emma doesn't let any grass grow under her feet. Her favorite subjects in high school were math, psychology, history, and creative writing. Emma is off to a good start by graduating from Derby High School this year with the following honors: American Sign Language Honor Cord, 4.0 or higher GPA Honor Cord, Outstanding Artist Medal, National Honor Society stole for her high grades and participation in NHS and the RHOER CLUB stole for which she is president. Emma has been accepted into the Menard Family Business Research Program, (one of 30 chosen out of all the business school applicants).



She adds, "I feel really privileged for this opportunity." Her plans at Creighton University are to double major in Finance and International Business, preparing for an occupation in business finance.

Emma's biggest goal in life: "I aspire to become an individual who makes a difference in the lives of children and become the most successful person I can be educationally and emotionally."

You have reached for the stars Emma. Your Resurrection Church family will pray for you and give you support. God bless you!