



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!

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our journey together in the in between time for the congregation has been invigorating for me. Thank you for your support and your willingness to open yourself to our adventure in the realm of Spirit.



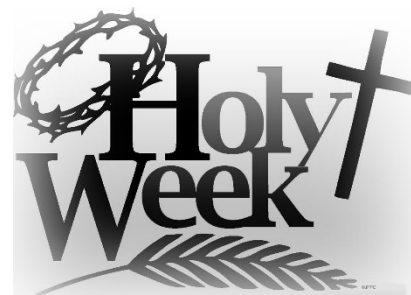
You have supported two major workshops, one was the “Good Life Together” workshop and the second was a strategic planning retreat where we came to a consensus on a mission and vision for the congregation going forward. The mission that is proposed is, *“Seeking First the Kingdom of God for good, for others, forever.”* This builds on Jesus’ teaching in the sermon on the mount where he encourages his disciples to “Seek first the Kingdom of God...” The “for good” piece means that we intend to “Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” This is also the sermon on the mount as well as the charge in baptism. Good Works are the desired outcome of our life together. The “for others..” phrase orients the mission of the congregation as aiming at “others” who deeply need the “Kingdom of God.” Finally, “forever” refers to the eternal nature of our life together where we live toward God and our eternal destiny.

The vision is borrowed from Julian of Norwich 1343-1416 who’s mantra was, *“All shall be well, all manner of things shall be well.”* This vision invites us into a wellness ministry where we extend the invitation of “Good Life Together” into the community. For instance, we may focus on “Good Life Together” in marriage, or in families, or among youth, or in the workplace such as health care institutions. The plan is to work on more specific mission objectives after the congregation approves the mission and vision.

These are exciting times to be the church and to launch a fresh mission and vision.

Peace be with you!

Pr. Dave



Maundy Thurs Apr 6th 6:30 PM

Holy Friday Apr 7th 6:30 PM

No Easter Vigil

Easter Service Apr 9th 10:00 AM

Church Council

by Darrin Deutscher, Council President



Your Church Council continues to work with you toward an exciting new chapter of our lives in Christ.

We continue to be blessed to have Pastor Dave Fulton lead us as our Interim Pastor through this transitional process. His leadership and excitement about our future is contagious, and I look forward to seeing where God is leading us.

We will be having a special meeting on March 5th to vote on a new Mission and Vision for our church. The new proposed mission is "Seeking the kingdom of God, for good, for others, forever" and the new proposed vision is "All shall be well".

Once we have done this, we can move fully into the transition process for calling a new full-time pastor.

Pastor Fulton is going to do a special Lenten book study prior to the Wednesday evening soup suppers that should be very informative and exciting.

Your church council is always here to work for you. If you have any questions, suggestions, or needs, please see any of your council members or feel welcome to attend the monthly council meetings that are held on the second Wednesday of each month. We would love to see and hear from you.

Farewell to Pastor Elizabeth

Resurrection held a farewell potluck gathering on June 12th to honor Pr. Elizabeth Cummings who accepted a call to serve St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wetherford, Connecticut. Pastor Elizabeth has faithfully served our Resurrection family for eleven years. God Speed to Pastor Elizabeth, Rory & Oliver.



Welcome Pastor Dave

Pastor Dave Fulton has accepted our call to serve as interim pastor as the search for a permanent pastor begins. We are blessed to have Pastor Dave as our interim as he has been a member of RLC for several years, leading worship occasionally.



Good Life Together Workshop

Pastor Dave Fulton led a Good Life Together workshop at Resurrection on Saturday, October 29th. It is Pastor Dave's hope to discover an experience of spiritual community for good and yes, this day, this workshop was a spiritual adventure! Well attended, this time together was dedicated to the experience of life together in spiritual community on a mission for good.

The mission of Good Life Together is to increase love toward God and neighbor. Participants in the workshop were encouraged and did offer their action ideas for this mission, producing three pages of ideas awaiting our action.



Strategic Planning Thoughts

by Jeanette Westerhaus

Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect.
Romans 12:2

On January 21, 2023, Pastor Fulton led a workshop at Resurrection Lutheran Church. The goal was to discover a mutually agreed on action plan to accomplish a mutually agreed on mission and vision. Thirty plus members were in attendance for the fellowship, discussion and most of all, snacks furnished by the church council.



Wellness of the church, community and spirit became a centerfold idea on which to base a vision and mission statement. Wellness, prayer and worship lead us to God. Apathy and cultural drift lead us the wrong way. We have to strive to turn our community, hearts, minds and spirits around, We believe that's what God wants us to do. It came to us suddenly at the planning meeting.

Pastor Fulton told me to stress the point, that in 47 years he's never seen a congregation come together, to an agreement that fast. The Holy Spirit was working in us.



St Francis Animal Blessing

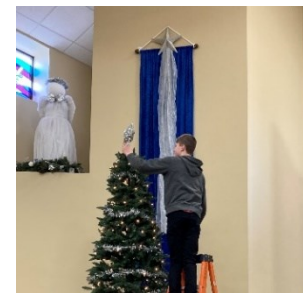
On a bright, sunny October day, Pastor David Fulton blessed Resurrection animals as did St Francis in years prior. Receiving the blessing were well-mannered, beloved pet dogs and one slightly intimidated cockatiel bird.



Advent Decorating

December 5, 2022

The second Sunday in Advent found many happy RLC volunteers on hand to help decorate our church for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Youngsters to elders willingly worked together and after the beautification, were rewarded with a pancake and egg casserole brunch,



Soup, Crafts, Songs, Story

On December 10th Resurrection's Sunday School Department held a soup supper at 5:30 p.m. Children and adults were then formed into 3 groups to have lots of fun making craft projects and rehearsing for the program which was presented at 6:30 p.m. To their surprise everyone attending this event became cast members in the informal, fun program telling the Christmas story with readings and songs.



Altar Guild

by Karen Vogt, Chairman

Altar Guild Mission – To prepare and adorn God’s house for worship.

Our dedicated members quietly, efficiently prepare the sanctuary for worship every week. Are you aware? We bake and prepare the bread, purchase wine and white grape juice to pour into those little, tiny glasses for communion, launder altar linens, change the paraments for the seasons, put hymnals in place under chairs, place current hymn numbers on the hymn board every week, add liquid wax to the altar candles and hang seasonal banners.

Personalized banners are made for baptisms. Altar Guild trains and mentors our young members to perform the duties of acolyte and crucifer. On Palm Sunday we host our annual brunch. Easter lilies and poinsettias, purchased by our congregation to decorate the sanctuary, are placed and tended. Sweet treats are handmade and offered at Easter.

Monies raised at our bake sale and brunch pay for Sunday morning bulletin covers and communion glasses, helped pay for new kitchen stoves, and purchased our new communion trays which were blessed and then used initially at the Christmas morning worship.



Thank you one and all for helping us to decorate our church for the Christmas season. You are welcome to join Altar Guild as we keep our church in order for worship. We meet at 6:30 on the first Monday of every month.

Do You Want to Fast This Lent?

In the words of Pope Francis

- *Fast from hurting words and say kind words.*
- *Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.*
- *Fast from anger and be filled with patience.*
- *Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.*
- *Fast from worries and have trust in God.*
- *Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.*
- *Fast from pressures and be prayerful.*
- *Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.*
- *Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.*
- *Fast from grudges and be reconciled.*
- *Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.*

Haysville Community Outreach

December, 2022

For several to many years, Resurrection has participated in gathering and giving children’s Christmas gifts via Haysville Community Outreach. Cards with children’s description (boy, 13 or girl, 4) are placed on a ‘tree’ in the narthex where folks can



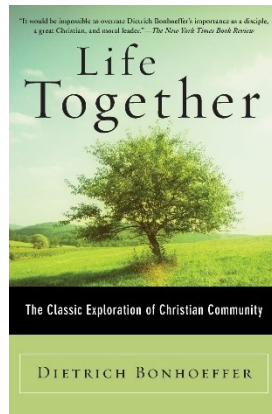
choose a card, purchase a gift tagged for that child and return it to church for Outreach giving. This year, ALL the cards were chosen and gifts returned within one week! Note the empty tree and stack of gifts.

Thank You, Resurrection!

Lenten Wednesday

Book Study

Our devotion on Wednesdays at 5:30 during Lent will be a book study led by Pastor Dave Fulton. The book is **Life Together** by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. You are welcome to join the study for some soul searching and a prayerful experience as we prepare for a deeper understanding of our Christian roots. The book can be ordered online on Amazon or purchased at Eighth Day Books, Downtown, Wichita. An audio book can be downloaded online.



A Funny Communion Memory

by Bert Kirkpatrick

I would imagine that when pastors get together they can tell some interesting tales regarding communion. Here is one from me that I can never forget.

It happened at Christ the King Church in Kansas City. We had a fill-in pastor by the name of Lorimer. At the time we were using only the common cup. He made the announcement for each of us to tip the cup since he couldn't quite see.

Gladys Bockleman was sitting next to me and because she was a little hard of hearing, she didn't hear what Pastor Lorimer had said.

We went forward and knelt for communion. Gladys did not guide the tipping of the cup and as a result she just moved lower and lower. At this point I had one of those "moments" and it popped into my mind that she reminded me of a little piggy nursing, at which time I had to suppress my laughter. (With great difficulty)

When we got back to the pew, Gladys leaned into me and said, "I hope you got some wine because I didn't get any." That did it for me. I lost it and couldn't contain my laughter for the rest of the service.

Beloved

There is a secure feeling about that word.

When a person is beloved,

It is a special kind of being.

It is being--loved.

It is a past, present, future kind of a word

that surrounds one with

a warmth and comfort

nothing can break or mar.

The faults of a beloved person

are smiled at by the person who loves,

and the ordinary virtues

seem good out of all measure.

To be beloved

is the rarest and most beautiful of gifts.

To be beloved of God

should be enough to make a saint of

anyone!

Gordon & Gladis Depree



Women ^{of the} ELCA

Save the Date for the 35th Annual Central States Synodical Organization Convention to the held June 23-25, 2023 at Stoney Creek Hotel in Kansas City-Independence, 18011 Bass Pro Drive, Independence, MO 64055. The theme of the convention will be "The Lord is My Light". An information packet will be mailed to congregations in April.

Property Committee

Robert Nunn



The First Phase of LED Lighting conversion has been completed. The Church Offices, Narthex and Sanctuary lighting fixtures have all been converted to LEDs. We did run into some electrical

wiring issues in the Sanctuary and they were also resolved.

(Editor's note: Thank You to our attentive and hard-working Property Committee for both clearing and setting back the chairs, the organizing and other work it takes to accomplish these projects.)

The next areas for LED conversion will be Fellowship Hall, Kitchen and main Bathrooms. Thank you all for your continued financial support toward the LED Lighting Fund. We are in the process of getting estimates for this next phase.

The Flooring Fund continues and estimates are being gathered for Sanctuary Carpet Replacement. Once again, Thank you for your financial support toward the Flooring Fund.

The Valentines Brunch was a success.



Thanks to all who attended and contributed to our Fundraiser. \$342.00 was raised, minus 10% benevolence (\$34.00) = \$308.00 was added to the Property Fundraising Account. Thanks for your continued support toward church projects.

Come Join the Fun. Property meets the first Wednesday of every month.

YOU are Needed, See You There.

-THANKS BE TO GOD-

Hat Day

November 13, 2022

Resurrection likes to have fun and every once in a while Imaging Team proclaims HAT DAY!



Good Sports – Most Fun



Bill Sample

Vickie Sample

Vicki Larsen

Brian Christiansen

Welcome Committee

by Lois Hickman, Chairman

The Welcome Committee at Resurrection Lutheran is blessed to have dedicated, Spirit filled members who are excited to welcome visitors and possible new members to our church. They not only welcome, but share information about our congregation with them. We remind the whole church family to take time to make visitors feel at home with us.

The committee is presently working to develop welcome bags to present to our visitors. We are also planning an informational meeting for those who are interested in membership in our Resurrection Church family.

Welcome

Youth Quake

by Pam Porsch

Youth Quake was held at the Hyatt February 3-5th. We had three youth attend - Haylee Marshall, Lilly Doll and Aeris McIntire along with the adult sponsors - Rhonda Doll and Pam Porsch. It was a great weekend of worshiping, singing, workshops and games. The speaker for the weekend was Wes Halula (a writer, director and producer for film and television) and the band was 100 White Flags, both of which were superb. It was an awesome weekend allowing everyone to deepen their faith. **YOUTH QUAKE** is much more than your average youth retreat. With 1200+ attendees from all over the country each year, this event explodes with energy.



Resurrection's Youth

On January 21st, Resurrection's youth held their Annual Chili Cook-Off and Dessert Auction. It was well attended with youth serving tastes from the 13 donated chili entries. Following chili tasting and voting came eating a bowl of your chili choice, or maybe two favorites! Next our busy youth served as runners for the rousing dessert auction. The fun evening concluded when three chili winners were announced and loudly applauded. This is a favorite youth fund raiser and scheduled just in time to assist youth participating in the Youth Quake.



Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7

Women Of The ELCA

by Vicki Nunn, Chairman

Women of the ELCA meet on the second Tuesday of each month, 10 a.m, at the church. Approximately 20 women are actively participating in our activities. The number increases for events such as the Annual Holiday Bazaar. Our focus is on Bible study, fund raising, fellowship and ministry. At each regular meeting one of our ladies leads a Bible study from material in the Gather magazine which is provided to those attending. The major recipients of our fund-raising events are the youth of the congregation for whom we provide scholarships to attend church camp each summer. We also contribute to unbudgeted needs of the congregation. We support the synodical and national Women of the ELCA organizations.

Events held this past year include:

- Book & Bake Sale – May
- Christmas in July Workshop – July
- Glass Blowing Ornament & lunch in Kechi – Oct.
- Annual Holiday Bazaar – Nov.
- Christmas Brunch hosted by Lisa Atcheson, Shari Jordan & Donelle Frawley – Dec.

Our Community Outreach includes:

- Books leftover from the Book Sale went to WSU-Haysville Little Free Library.
- In-kind contributions for the Women's Convention (backpacks, small stuffed animals, tooth brushes & paste, books, flash lights & blankets).
- Handmade hats and scarves were handed out at the St Paul's November Homeless Breakfast Event.
- Two Holiday Bazaar baskets were donated to the City of Haysville.
- Hoodies & T-shirts were donated to the Haysville School's kids.

Events in 2023 include:

- Care for our homebound church families.
- God's Work – Our Hands participation
- Looking into more charities
- Bible Study Retreat in Lindsborg, KS
- ELCA Convention in July
- Mosley Street Melodrama
- Pink Elephant EXTRAVAGANZA

All ladies of the congregation are invited to participate in our meetings and events as they are able. We sincerely appreciate the support of our congregation.

Women of the ELCA Annual Bazaar

Bazaars Help Women's Missions! Resurrection's Women of the ELCA's Bazaar held on November 11-12 was a great success with wonderful items offered to buy and great food for brunch and lunch.



Breakfast at St. Paul's, Wichita

There was fellowship along with a hot, delicious breakfast of eggs and pancakes at St. Paul's in Wichita on November 26th, blessing the 80+ neighbors who attended. Our Resurrection had a super group of volunteers cooking and serving the breakfast. Many of the guests expressed their thanks to the people serving.



Community Breakfast Thanks!

St. Paul's-Wichita thanks all who have partnered to make the Community Breakfast possible since January 1999. The breakfast started as a once-a-month outreach to the neighborhood around St. Paul's but the initial vision included the homeless neighbors in Wichita. In 2005 St. Paul's was able to gain partners, mostly Lutheran congregations, and began to offer the breakfast every week with the first Saturday of each month hosted by Fairview Christian Church, some blocks north of St. Paul's. The partnership was of great benefit to our homeless neighbors as with breakfasts every week they could count on a filling meal on Saturday mornings. Thank you from St Paul's and breakfast guests!

CROP Walk

Walk and Raise Funds to Stop Hunger. Wichita CROP Hunger Walk was held Sunday October 2nd at Sedgwick County Park. CROP Walk is an important time to take steps against hunger, here and abroad. The Community Breakfast at St. Paul's Wichita is one of the 4 food ministries which are local recipients of CROP Walk Funds, 1/4th of the funds raised stay local. The rest of the moneys raised fight hunger nationally and internationally through Church World Service,



Lisa Atcheson & Barry Schroeder represented Resurrection at Wichita CROP WALK this year.

If any man serve Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there shall also My servant be: if any man serve Me, him will My Father honor.

John 12:26

Spotlight On Kris & Lisa Atcheson



Probably the biggest miracles in our life are our three children. After trying for several years, we were blessed with a healthy daughter. God blessed us by adding two more miracle children to our family through international adoption from the countries of Kazakhstan and China.

Kris was born in Des Moines, Iowa, and has three siblings, two older brothers, and a younger sister. Their father instilled in all three boys a love of mischief. Kris's father used to sneak him out of church on the pretense of keeping Kris in line, but then his dad would take him across the street and buy him an orange soda. Kris wonders if his dad pinched him to get him to misbehave in church!

Lisa was born in Emporia, Kansas, and is an only child. As a child, Lisa rarely got into any trouble. A memory that stands out to her is the one time her father spanked her. Lisa kept pretending she was going to bite her dad's leg and he told her repeatedly that he would spank her if she actually bit him. Well, Lisa finally took a chance and nipped him, and sure enough, her father swatted her behind. Although it was not a hard spanking, it shocked Lisa because she had never had a spanking. It is something she's always remembered, and she respected her father for following through.



Kris attended church as a child and was baptized in the hospital in Chariton, Iowa, at two weeks of age. Lisa's family was not a church-going one, but she started attending Western Hills Christian Church in Lawton, Oklahoma, with her best friend when she was in sixth grade. She was baptized in that church when she was 11 and it was a full dunking!

Kris and Lisa attended marriage preparation classes at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wichita, Kansas, and were married there in 1989. When Lisa got pregnant, the couple moved to Derby and began attending Faith Lutheran church there. Although they continued attending until after their oldest daughter was born and baptized, they really did not develop a close connection with the Missouri Synod church. When Marriah was about six, she started asking why her parents did not attend church like her best friend did. It was at that time that Kris and Lisa began looking for a new church home and found Resurrection.

Growing up, Kris and Lisa moved several times. Lisa had lived in six states before the age of 15 and Kris had moved four times before graduating high school. After marrying, both Kris and Lisa were determined to raise their children in the same area. All three children were raised in the Derby, Kansas, area.

**** SPOTLIGHT ****

Marriah Lynn, 29; Roza Kim, 26; Emma Mae, 19. Roza was five when she came home from Kazakhstan in 2001 and Emma was 20 months when we got her home in 2005. Marriah is currently in nursing school at WSU Tech and will graduate from their LPN program in May. She plans to continue schooling to get her RN license. After graduating from WSU in 2020, Roza is exploring life in Wichita and Emma is a freshman at Creighton University in Omaha, NE.

Both Kris and Lisa had long careers with Boeing/Spirit in Wichita. Lisa retired in 2014. Starting out in Industrial Engineering in 1986, most of her years at Spirit were spent managing various human resource departments. Kris started as an operations mechanic in 1984 and retired in 2019 from his executive role in program management.

Kris & Lisa have two dogs, Tippy, a bichon-poodle mix who is about 15 years old, and Snickers, a rat terrier mix. Kris found Snickers in a ditch, and she is believed to be about seven years old.

Our main goals are to see all three of our children happy and well and able to earn enough money so that they are comfortable. We hope to stay active in our church and dream of doing much more traveling over the next several years.

As a retired couple, Kris and Lisa enjoy traveling and church activities. Kris enjoys playing pickleball, riding his motorcycle, and taking care of the five acres they live on. Lisa loves to read and enjoys walking for exercise.

