



RESURRECTION REFLECTIONS

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OUR MISSION

Seeking First the Kingdom of God; For Good, For Others, Forever.

OUR VISION

All Shall Be Well

CONFIRMATION, AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

October 29, 2023



Cash Pegg-Westerhaus, Brylie Christiansen, Makena Hampton, PMA Jody Helton



Reaching Out, Sandwich Saturday

On the Saturday following Thanksgiving, still part of the holiday weekend, a group of Resurrection folks gathered at St Paul's Lutheran Church to cook and serve breakfast to needy, and hungry people. They began at 7:00 AM, oh-dark hundred, to set up tables and chairs, crack and scramble eggs and flip pancakes for about 125 thankful people. **THANK YOU RESURRECTION COOKS & SERVERS!**



When I Read the Bible Through

by Amos R. Wells

I supposed I knew my Bible
Reading piecemeal, hit and miss,
Now a bit of John or Matthew,
Now a snatch of Genesis,
Certain chapters of Isaiah
Certain Psalms (the twenty-third);
Twelfth of Romans, First of Proverbs
Yes, I thought I knew the Word;
But I found that thorough reading
Was a different thing to do,
And the way was unfamiliar
When I read the Bible through.

Oh, the massive, mighty volume!
Oh, the treasures manifold!
Oh, the beauty of the wisdom
And the grace it proved to hold!
As the story of the Hebrews
Swept in majesty along,
As it leaped in waves prophetic,
As it burst to sacred song,
As it gleamed with Christly omens,
The Old Testament was new,
Strong with cumulative power,
When I read the Bible through.

Ah! Imperial Jeremiah,
With his keen, coruscant mind;
And the blunt old Nehemiah,
And Ezekiel refined!
Newly came the song idyllic,
And the tragedy of Job;
Deuteronomy, the regal,
To a towering mountain grew,
With its comrade peaks around it
When I read the Bible through.

What a radiant procession
As the pages rise and fall,
James the sturdy, John the tender
Oh, the myriad-minded Paul!
Vast apocalyptic glories
Wheel and thunder, flash and flame,
While the church triumphant raises
One incomparable name.

Ah, the story of the Saviour
Never glows supremely true
Till you read it whole and swiftly,
Till you read the Bible through.

You who like to play at Bible,
Dip and dabble, here and there,
Just before you kneel, awearied,
And yawn thro' a hurried prayer;
You who treat the Crown of Writings
As you treat no other book
Just a paragraph disjointed,
Just a crude, impatient look
Try a worthier procedure,
Try a broad and steady view;
You will kneel in very rapture
When you read the Bible through.

Call Committee

The Call Committee is working on completing the Ministry Site Profile (MSP). The MSP will be used to match up potential pastoral candidates with RLC. The ELCA Congregational Vitality Survey has been completed and the results have been reviewed by Call Committee. A questionnaire will be handed out at the Annual Meeting in December to collect additional input from the congregation. All of this information will help Call Committee in finishing the MSP and selecting a pastoral candidate to recommend to Council. After Council confirms a candidate, a congregational meeting will be held to vote on calling the candidate.



Cross of Glory Closing

by Cody Friesen



Cross of Glory celebrated its closing worship service on October 15th at 1:30 in the afternoon. Pastor Dave Whetter from the Synod office was the presiding minister. The time was determined to include as many ministers who had assisted us over the last few years to attend after serving their present churches in the morning. Pastor Larry Cross and Pastor Dinah Dutta (and her husband), who have served us most regularly over the last five years were there plus Pastor Paul Reimers (and his wife), Pastor Tom Schaefer (and his wife), Pastor Dave Fulton with several members of Resurrection, Pastor Cheryl Hoops, and Pastor Tom Hallstrom. It was wonderful to see them all. Only one member of our congregation was absent and he had a good excuse, having been released from the hospital that morning with pneumonia. We all missed him. Several members of the congregation were readers and Alice Burnett assisted Pastor Whetter with communion. It was a hard service to attend, but after 26 years in that place, we will find new churches and/or ways to continue to serve in God's world.

Our building and land has been donated to the City of Derby and will be used as their new Senior Center and as a location for their community garden. "The gift of the church represents an extraordinary act of philanthropy that will shape the future of Derby Senior Services." Mayor Randy White said

Although we are closing, we are not leaving our responsibilities to God as His faithful followers. Our mission statement is still to "serve

in God's world" and as individuals we will take our commitment seriously and will serve in other congregations or as independent Christians as needs arise. Already, Alice Burnett will continue to serve both Copperstone and Derby Assisted Living with weekly Bible study opportunities, we have boxed nearly thirty quilts for Lutheran World Relief to be delivered later this month (there are more to be tied), and we fed the Wichita homeless on Sandwich Saturday in September and will do so again in December prepared in a private home. And as dear friends, we have determined to get together once a month to keep up with each other.

We wish you all peace and success with your mission goals within each of your congregations. God's peace to all.

Bishop Candeia's Visit With Resurrection

On March 29th, Resurrection was happy to welcome our Synod Bishop, Susan Candeia. Joining our Interim Pastor, Dave Fulton, Bishop Candeia was busy as she greeted folks, conducted the Adult Forum, presided during worship and joined the fellowship following worship. She announced that she will be make a return visit when the installation of our newly called pastor occurs.



Resurrection Musicians

Andrea Mendoza shared her musical gifts with our church for several years as church musician, serving as pianist for worship services as well as directing the choir. As a parting tribute the choir sang a rendition of 'Happy Birthday' called 'Happy Udall To You'. Of course they sang in the Key Of L. (The key of L sounds like 'L'!)



Musicians from St Paul Church, Wichita, came and graciously offered to 'fill the bill' as they provided music for our summer worship services.



Frances Sloan



Julianne Kahlman, Deb Ary

On November 12th we welcomed our new church pianist and choir director, Xin Wei. Xin, (pronounced like Shin), is from Inner Mongolia, China. She is obtaining her masters degree in piano performance at Wichita State University.



Xin Wei

Join the Choir!



Resurrection Choir is rehearsing with our director, PMA Jody Helton and pianist, Xin Wei, on Sunday mornings, following worship.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Psalm 100:1, 2

Sunday School Art Gallery

Have you taken a stroll down the Sunday School wing of Resurrection? Here our young folk's art is on display. It's amazing! Take a moment to appreciate their talent close up and thank the teachers who teach and grow their faith.



2023 High School Graduate Recognition



Pastor Dave Fulton, Taeden Marshall, Jeanette Westerhaus

Taeden graduated from Haysville High School. Taeden is a Certified Nurse Assistant working at Diversicare in Haysville and taking medically related classes at Wichita State as he considers a medically related career.



Dirk, Sarah & Carlie Schill, Pastor Dave Fulton

Carlie graduated from Clearwater High School. Presently Carlie is attending Pitt State in Pittsburg, KS, majoring in Exercise Science to become a Physical Therapist.

Mark Your Calendars!

Birthday Bingo - It's BACK! We will be celebrating the birth of Jesus with Birthday Bingo on December 2, 2023 from 2-4 pm. Come join the fun and fellowship, collecting cool prizes and getting to holler "Bingo"! A nominal cost of \$5 per person gets you 30 cards (3 per game). There will be no less than five winners per game, so your chance of getting to holler "Bingo" and choose a prize is VERY HIGH!! Hope to see you there!

Christmas Program - "Once Upon a Manger: A Paper Bag Pageant" will be on December 9, 2023. The evening will begin with a Soup Supper and the pageant will follow. Come join the fun, it promises to be a great time again this year!

Chili Cookoff & Dessert Auction - Be on the lookout to sign up for the Chili Cookoff and Dessert Auction. The event will be on January 20th at 5:30pm. 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!

YUM! - Dessert Auction!



WELCA'S Annual Holiday Bazaar November 11-12, 2023



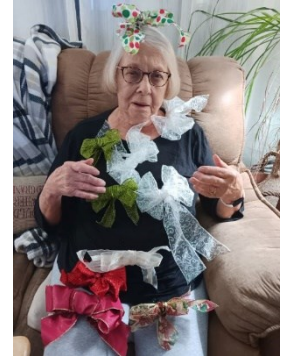
It happened! The bazaar was a great success with funds earned to be distributed to the several deserving causes that WELCA supports. WELCA sends a big and heart felt THANK YOU to any and all who contributed

to the Holiday Bazaar!



Know that the two days of the bazaar are just the culmination and goal for the many preparatory hours offered by RLC women and some of their husbands, too!

There were many baskets contributed, then donated items were sorted to fill, next be wrapped and lastly bows attached to the 80 some popular holiday baskets.



'Christmas in July' was a WELCA craft making day for the Bazaar as many handmade items were completed this day and throughout the year.



WELCOME

New members were recognized on **July 30th** during worship. We welcome to our church family new members: the Helton family: Greg, Mallory, Jody & Brady and Richard & Roberta Lowrey.



**** INVITE ****

**Women of the E.L.C.A. Retreat
Lindsborg, KS**

June 9-11



Thank you, Vicky Nunn for a perfectly planned two day event in Lindsborg and Falun. I loved all of the Swedish tea and food. I think I would have made a good Swede. Our accommodations were wonderful.

My thanks to Pastor Cheryl Hoops for a Spirit filled Bible Study and Meditation, "Looking Into the Well".

A highlight for me was visiting the Falun Lutheran Church Service. I think it might be my favorite church service ever! I also loved the ringing of the bell for church to begin.

Thank You for a beautiful weekend,
- Lois Hickman

Our WELCA retreat was a smashing success! The two prayerful meditation sessions provided relief from the stress I've been feeling in my life. It was delightful to be able to have time to reconnect with old friends and also get to know new ones better. Many good laughs were shared during our meals together and our social hour!

- Lisa Atcheson

I was delighted to be invited to join in the WELCA retreat at Lindsborg. Having time to visit with old friends, share thoughts and ideas, and worship at Falun on Sunday made the retreat a great experience. Thanks to Vicki Nunn and Pr Cheryl for the work they did. I was so impressed

with all the young families present at the church service. The weekend incorporated so many reasons why I'm proud to be a part of the ELCA.

- Evelyn Clark

Vicky Nunn made all the arrangements for our Lindsborg retreat and everything from the meals to the B&B were excellent. We experienced a formal afternoon tea which was both educational and enjoyable. Then we headed to Bethany Lutheran Church where a member gave us a tour after which we settled into the Martin Luther room for the first guided meditation session and a craft. At 3:00 we checked into our lovely B&B and then enjoyed the wonderful experience of shopping in Lindsborg Swedish stores.

At 5:30 we met at the Crown and Rye for a delicious Swedish Buffet. We gathered in the Wine Shelter at our B&B for our second meditation session followed by happy hour.

After a good night's sleep, most of the women attended worship at Falun Lutheran Church where Ben Fulton (son of our Dave Fulton) is pastor.

All in all it was a wonderful weekend for fun, fellowship and feeding our faith.

- Cheryl Hoops

Wonderful weekend with awesome ladies. Very spiritual and uplifting.

I was the youngest one on this retreat but these women were so much fun to be around. I am so blessed to be a part of this church family.

- Donelle Frawley



2024 ELCA Youth Gathering



The 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering will be New Orleans, July 16-20, 2024. "The ELCA Youth Gathering at its core is about faith formation. Jesus calls us to love God, our neighbor and ourselves," said Deacon Tammy Jones West, interim program director for the Gathering. "The Gathering is a place to broaden our understanding of God's love; to pay attention to, advocate for, and care for our neighbors; and to know that as both saint and sinner, we are loved." To learn more about the Gathering visit: www.elca.org/youthgathering

Youth Gathering Champion

My name is Lyneé English and I am your 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering Synod Champion. I live in Manhattan, KS with my husband Austin and two boys, Owen who is 8 and Aaron who is 4. My husband is Pastor at Peace Lutheran and I recently just accepted a new job with Kansas State University. This will be my first gathering and I am so excited to go to New Orleans! I will be your point of contact and questions for any gathering related information. Please join the Synod Facebook Group! That will be our most effective way of communication other than emails.

What is the Gathering?

Every three years, thousands of 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.

RLC Youth Activities and Plans

by Pam Porsch

Bierocks Makers



Eight youth and four adults gathered on Saturday, November 4th to make bierocks. On Sunday, November 5th they were offered to the congregation to purchase and purchase they did - we sold all but 31 of the 519! Thank You to Shari Jordan, Ashley & Heather Porsch for helping all week to prep the ingredients and make several hundred bierocks, as the demand for hundreds more requires assistance - there is not enough hours on Saturday to get them all made! In the last two years we have increased the number made from 288 to 519! WOW!! THANK YOU to all who purchased bierocks. We sincerely hope you enjoyed them! This fundraiser netted the youth over \$870 to help fund their Mission Trips.

CROP Walk



The 2023 Wichita Hunger CROP Walk was held Sunday October 8 at the Sedgwick County Park. People who are wanting to help raise money to end hunger around the world register to walk as individuals or they can form a team. There is no charge to walk, all ages welcome, walkers are invited to get sponsors for their walk, those who raise \$50 or more get a t-shirt. CROP Walk is a program of Church World Service and the Free Community Breakfast in which many Area Ministry 5 churches participate is one of the local recipients.



National Day of Prayer

This year the Haysville Ministerial Association marked the National Day of Prayer with a prayer service on May 4th. Resurrection members were among the attendees. One of our members, Jeanette Westerhaus, participated in the program praying for military families and representing Resurrection Lutheran Church. Thank you, Jeanette.



Matthew 26:41 - Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

Church Staff	
Interim Pastor	Dave Fulton
Office Administrator.....	Vicky Tully
Treasurer.....	Pam Porsch
Financial Secretary	Jan Albertin
Nursery Supervisor	Holly Gonzales
Musician	Xin Wei
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Property Committee

- Chair- Robert Nunn

Hello from Property Committee! Numerous Projects were completed over the summer months.

The Sanctuary Painting was completed, (6/26/2023 - 6/30/2023). Painting was done by Carlos Mares at a cost of \$4,350. The Sanctuary Painting was needed before the future Sanctuary Carpet Replacement Project.



Cleaning of Sanctuary Chairs, Narthex and Office carpet was done by Express Clean. Owner Patrick Atkerson completed this work on 7/3/2023 - 7/4/2023 at a cost of \$1,980.



The Large Narthex Window was cleaned by Fish Windows (a glass cleaning company) on 6/28/2023. - Thank You - Bruce Cloyd.



Mussat/Comfort Air has completed both the Spring AC and Fall Heat checks for 2023. A control board was replaced on the East-5ton unit/Fellowship Hall - At No Cost to Us. All filters were replaced.

All Emergency Exit Lights are checked monthly along with any corrective maintenance actions for future unscheduled fire department inspections. Emergency Light check procedures are written down along with breaker locations and are labeled in main breaker boxes. - Thank You - Bob Shick

Council has approved replacing 4 Windows - 2 in the Narthex and 2 in the office. We are waiting

on Lewis St. Glass to complete this work at a cost a \$1,145.20.

A Water Well sample was taken (9/19/2023) by Sedgwick County, Monty Munson, Metro Area Building and Construction Department. A water sample was sent to SDK Laboratory for analysis. We are slightly high in Nitrate and bacteria (no E. Coli). Property Committee is in the process of gathering recommendations/solutions plus estimated costs for the purification of our well water.



Thanks to All who attended and contributed to the Oktoberfest (10/15/2023) Property Fundraiser. – An Awesome Turnout-YEAH! The total raised was \$1037. Minus 10% for benevolence (\$103.70), bringing the grand total of \$933 deposited into the Property Fundraising Account to be used towards Church Projects. Thank You Everyone! 👍

On the agenda for this year are New Monument Lights, New Monument Christmas Lights and NEW Christmas Building Lights

Our Church Workday took place on 10/28/2023. Items completed include Outdoors: Trees and Branches trimmed, Wintergem/Boxwoods Bushes trimmed, Indoors: cobwebs removed, windows cleaned, light bulbs replaced, kitchen island trim reattached.

Fund Raising for the next LED Light Conversion project continues. The next scheduled area is Fellowship Hall, Kitchen and Main Bathroom ceiling fixtures. Estimated cost for this next phase is \$2,500. Currently \$800 has been donated towards the LED Light Fund. The Flooring Fund continues and the estimated

cost for the Sanctuary Carpet Replacement is \$18,000. Currently \$10,200 has been donated.

Property Committee is currently looking at costs for water purification and in the near future, parking lot improvements.

Please Prayerfully consider an end of the year contribution towards the LED Lighting or Flooring Funds. Thanks for your continued support of church maintenance and replacement projects.

Resurrection Is Richly Blessed to have a giving congregation allowing for Church Improvements. Thanks for your continued giving. THANKS BE TO GOD!

Reaching Out to Sex Trafficking Victims

Submitted by Lisa Atcheson

It started with the 2023 movie “Sound of Freedom” a movie that pushed sex trafficking into the news...for a while. When I told my youngest daughter Emma how the movie and the plight of trafficked victims had made such an impact on me, Emma’s comment was “So it’s a movie. Did it really make an impact? What are you going to do about it?” Faced with Emma’s comment, I realized God was answering my prayers, moving me to act for trafficking victims. I took the topic to our WELCA group knowing these women are ladies of action!

In October, WELCA invited Jennifer White, the director of ICT-SOS to speak to our WELCA group about trafficking in the general Wichita area. Jennifer shared a lot of information with us about what types of trafficking is seen in our state. Surprisingly to most of us, the traffickers are usually people who are known to the victim, often a relative or a ‘boyfriend’ who gets the victims to depend on him for food, shelter, etc., and then begins to force them into sex or labor claiming they ‘owe’ him. Also, unfortunately, the age of victims is continually becoming younger, now starting in the pre-teen years.

With the surge in online activity by younger children, traffickers are more easily able to locate victims through ‘kids’ gaming sites. Jennifer and her team go out to schools to provide exploitation awareness education to middle and high schoolers in Wichita and the surrounding communities. The ICT-SOS organization also helps human trafficking survivors get a fresh start by providing them with ‘Fresh Start’ bags filled with clothing, hygiene items, a journal or comfort item and a gift card for a meal. In addition, ICT SOS provides adult advocacy for survivors of human trafficking and exploitation. The adult advocate is responsible for assisting survivors to navigate through the system and helping them find resources or connect to other services they may need.

A portion of WELCA’s Holiday Bazaar earnings will be sent to ICT_SOS. Our WELCA plans to get more involved with ICT-SOS in the future. If you are interested in volunteering, the website is <https://ictsos.org>.

Memorials



Veteran's Recognition

November 12, 2023



Resurrection recognizes our veterans with gratitude for their service.

Clark Sholts, Carl Hubbard, Bill Sample, Bert Kirkpatrick, Kris Atcheson, Tim Frawley, Bruce Cloyd, Jan Albertin, Pastor Dave Fulton

Lutheran Disaster Response

Lutheran Disaster Response shares God's hope, healing and renewal with people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, LDR stays to provide ongoing assistance to those in need. See this link for information on LDR at work. <https://www.elca.org/Resources/Lutheran-Disaster-Response#Anniversary>. There are bulletin inserts and ways to donate as well as reports on ongoing work under the "Anniversary" tab including a report on the work with refugees from the war in Ukraine. Learn more.

International: Eastern Europe Crisis Response, Horn of Africa Drought, Middle East Crisis, Middle East & Europe Refugee Crisis, South Sudan Relief

AMMPARO: Protecting Migrants

Domestic: Flooding, Hurricanes, Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Wildfire

Thank You, Veterans!



Jan Albertin
Navy 1982 – 1988



Kris Atcheson
Air Force 1980 - 1984



Bruce Cloyd
Air Force 1956 - 1977



Tim Frawley
Air Force 1981 - 2014



Pastor Dave Fulton
Air Force 1986 - 2010



Carl Hubbard
Army 1968 - 1970



Bert Kirkpatrick
Navy 1956 - 1959



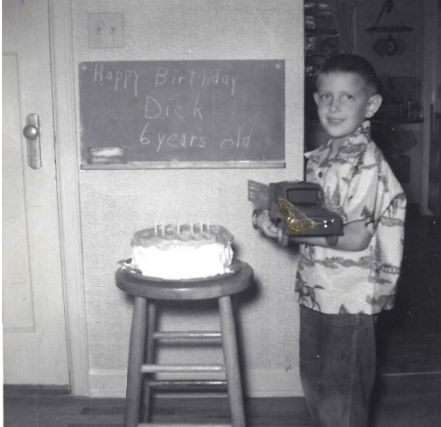
Bill Sample
Army 1968 - 1970



Clark Sholts
Air Force 1955 - 1961

Spotlight on Richard and Roberta Lowrey

Richard and Roberta Lowrey were married in Emporia, on May 27, 1972. They moved to Concordia that same summer, and Richard taught math to Junior High students until his retirement. Roberta was a stay-at-home mom, later working as a graphic designer at the newspaper office, before working as the Chamber of Commerce president until her retirement.



Richard was born in Harper, and grew up on the family farm north of Argonia, and has lived in Kansas his entire life. He attended school at Milton, and when the school closed, he attended school at Argonia. He graduated from KSTC, now Emporia State University. *(left: Richard on his birthday, his mom was a teacher and diligent about birthday pictures)*

Roberta grew up in a military family, and lived multiple places, and attended multiple schools. It wasn't until after her marriage to Richard that she lived anyplace more than two or three years, and as a result attended a number of schools. *(right: Roberta in the Philippines, her mom made sure to get pictures in from of their housing)*



Along with teaching, Richard painted and roofed houses in the summer; later sweeping chimneys, and starting a home improvement business with a fellow math teacher. Roberta did Story Hour at the library, and later volunteered at the National Orphan Train Complex.



The couple have two children, Reuben and Rachel, and five grandchildren. The family were members of Concordia Lutheran Church, where the children were both confirmed, and Rachel was married. Today they enjoy playing cards and taking day trips with family and friends.

After retirement, the couple found themselves traveling to Wichita often, sometimes 2 or 3 times a week. It seemed to make sense to move, after 48 years in Concordia.

Spotlight on Greg and Jody Helton Family

by PMA Jody Helton

Returning to Resurrection Lutheran Church has been like coming home for my family. It has been like we never left even though the truth of the matter is that we were gone for nearly seven years. During those years, Mallory and I lived primarily in Nebraska close to my parents and extended family and Greg ended up staying in Wichita and continuing to work for Textron Aviation. I will forever be grateful to God for this time that I was able to spend with my parents.

Now we have all returned to living in Wichita. While in Nebraska, we became members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Beatrice, NE where we would form many deep and lasting friendships. Mallory graduated from Diller Odell High School in May of 2022 and Brady ultimately graduated with his Bachelor's degree in History and Secondary Education from Baker University at that same time. During my time in Nebraska, I would return to work as a school psychologist in north central Kansas and also became certified as a Parish Ministry Associate in the Nebraska Synod, ELCA. I would ultimately serve Zion United Church of Christ, Talmage, NE, as their part-time minister from July of 2021 to July of 2023. It was a very meaningful time in my life and I was sad to leave them, but I knew it was time for me to return home to Wichita where the Helton family is all reunited.

Currently Mallory is doing well and is a courtesy clerk/cashier at the Dillons at 21st and Maize Rd. Brady is in his second year of teaching at Eisenhower High School where this year he has started the life skills program there. Greg is finishing his 23rd year at Textron Aviation and I continue to work as a school psychologist (year 27) now at Maize Middle School. I am directing the RLC choir which is beginning practice now with our new pianist. It was an absolute honor to lead worship in Pastor Fulton's absence recently.

We look forward to continuing to be a part of the Resurrection Lutheran Church family and to be involved in the ministry of the church.

