



# 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!**

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### Pastor's Ponderings

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am so excited to be here among you as your pastor. I look forward to the opportunity of getting to know you better and walking beside you in your different faith journeys. Thank you for welcoming Rory and me into your faith family. We know that our transition to Kansas life has been made that much easier because of you.

I am energized by the various types of ministries you have here and the way that you work to be involved in the community. I can see that you take your baptismal calling seriously and are constantly working to do God's Work. Constantly working to Live the Faith and Lift High the Cross!

As we approach the season of Advent, we will have the opportunity to focus on the theme of preparation. Our worship service will change slightly to help us better reflect on how we are preparing ourselves and as a church for the birth of our Savior.

Over the next few months we will join with Haysville Community Outreach to help prepare Thanksgiving and Christmas boxes for our neighbors. I look forward to seeing how our church is going to grow in the future and am thrilled that we get to journey this path together.

Peace and Blessings,  
Pastor Elizabeth

### Third Annual Last Soup Supper



Property Committee sponsored their 'Third Annual Last Soup Supper on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> and it was a big success with almost double the turnout over previous 'last suppers'!! The menu offers a choice of five homemade soups, relishes and homemade pie, plus a beverage.....YUM! This committee works very long and hard to arrange the publicity, seek food donations and raffle prizes, and sell raffle tickets. They set up, shop, cook and serve the supper. Following is clean-up and finally, the left-over soup sale on Sunday. What was different and better this year? Publicity was expanded with newspaper ads, moving bill board ads, flyers handed out during the Haysville Festival Parade.

Proceeds from this Third Last Soup Supper will be used for various projects around and about the church. What might that be, a new church sign or brick for the sides and back of our building? Resurrection's largest committee, Property, is a hardworking, fun, can-do group which likely has room for you to join them, first Wednesdays, following ACT Night Dinner.



### Confirmation of Baptism



On Resurrection Day, October 30, 2011, Roza Kim Atcheson was confirmed as a voting member of Resurrection Lutheran Church by Pastor Elizabeth Cummings.



Present as Roza confirmed her baptismal vows were her parents, Lisa and Kris Atcheson, her sisters, Emma (short stuff!) and Marriah.

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When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." - John 8:12

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### Children of God,

### Marked with the Cross of Christ Forever!

Our Resurrection family celebrates the baptism of two infants.



On May 8th, Pastor Larry Cross baptized Adam Deutscher, pictured with his parents, Darrin & Deanna and sister, Zoe.

October 2nd, Pastor

Elizabeth Cummings baptized Bryce Christiansen, assisted by Bayley Williams, acolyte. Parents, Brian & Nikki with Bryce's sisters, Brynna and Brylie looking on.



### St Francis Animal Blessing



During a brief respite from treasured rain showers on October 8<sup>th</sup>, Resurrection folks gathered on the church's front lawn with their animals: live, stuffed and pictured. Pastor Elizabeth

led the service for blessing of the animals. During the gathering the animals were inquisitive, 'talkative' and well mannered. When the service began, there was silence and concentration. All were amazed as God's creatures displayed respect and attention to the service of blessing. Pastor Elizabeth blessed one stuffed bear, three horses (one in photo), and eight dogs. We give thanks for all God's creatures.



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*And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. -Genesis 1:24  
(and Pooh Bears too...)*





## CONGRATULATIONS, YMT AND SEVEN PROJECT!!



Have you been hearing about YMT, the Seven Project? *What's that?*

This team is involved with our youth at church and throughout Haysville by joining forces with HYM, the Haysville Youth Ministers Association. This group, comprised of Youth Pastors and Youth Leaders in Haysville, states their drive and purpose is to help bring unity to the diverse churches of Haysville and help show our students that although our churches may have different names and distinctions, we are all Christians.

The HYM sponsored the Seven Project. Maybe you remember back in the heat of July, you may have bought "Shares of Stock in the Youth of our Cities, Our Families, and our Churches"? That stock in our youth helped fund the Seven Project. The purpose of the Seven Project, which worked through the schools, is to mobilize students to act out their faith and share it with their friends. The desire is to develop better students, believing that Christians who hold true to Christ, make the best students.

The Seven Project's action plan consisted of a series of 'in school' assemblies in which topics were dealt with on a practical level. These topics were chosen by the school administrations and they received practical, real world solution responses. Assemblies were held for Haysville Middle School, Haysville West Middle School, Haysville's Alternative School and Haysville's Campus High School. In each assembly the entire student body was invited to the evening event held on Oct.26th, where we believe the ultimate solution to our problems and struggles, the Hope of Jesus Christ, was presented. This event was a huge success with over 1000 (ONE THOUSAND) youth attending.

WOW!! Congratulations, YMT! Congratulations, Seven Project! Well Done! We are proud of you!

What's next for YMT? Presently they are learning about world hunger, recognizing hunger, its causes and hopes via the Taking Root teaching from ELCA.

COMING IN FEBRUARY is a trip to Topeka for Youth Quest..... be ready to support an upcoming fund raiser to help our youth attend this event.

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### God Answers Prayer

I know not by what methods rare,  
But this I know, God answers prayer.  
I know that He has given His word,  
Which tells me prayer is always heard,  
And will be answered, soon or late;  
And so I pray, and calmly wait.

I know not if the blessing sought  
Will come in just the way I thought,  
But leave my prayers with Him along,  
Whose will is wiser than my own,  
Assured that He will grant my quest,  
Or send some answer far more blest.

-Anita Johnson

## Glocal Mission Gathering



Recently St Paul's Lutheran Church sponsored this mission gathering, an opportunity for global and local ideas and inspiration. From our congregation Rory and

Pastor Elizabeth Cummings, Randy Doll, Evelyn Clark & Noreen Sholts attended. Concepts of varied cultures, their values, worship forms, music, foods were introduced. Relationships, needs and exchanges in various areas were introduced and explored.



Speakers (pictured) came from near: Pastor David Fulton spoke of St Paul's outreach in Wichita and also spoke of experiences as an Air Force Chaplain.



Pictured with Pr. Elizabeth, a speaker from afar: Pastor Rani Abdulmasih from a Lutheran church in Egypt. Pr. Lowell Michelson, from Reformation in Wichita joined Glocal musicians to present music of varied cultures.

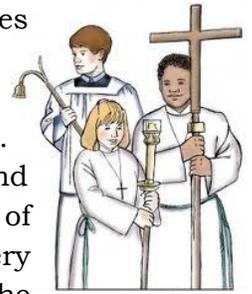
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## ELCA Malaria Campaign

Malaria is a leading cause of death in Africa. It claims a child's life every 45 seconds. This doesn't have to be. Now there is a global movement of governments and international organizations to end this disease. The 2011 ELCA Church Assembly voted to approve this campaign to help eliminate malaria. Churches, especially the ELCA, already have health care providers in place and can effectively implement programs. One way to help is to supply mosquito netting. Your gift to the ELCA Malaria Campaign is needed: PO Box 7164, Chicago, IL 60694-1764. Watch for more information, & ways to help.

## Altar Guild

The Altar Guild continues to do its "thing". We had an acolyte and crucifer training on October 23rd. Three kids participated and are now added to the list of servants to fill this very important role during the worship service. Additionally, we have used some of our money from various fund raisers to purchase new candle holders that keep the wax contained and off of the floor and chairs, during candle light service. Plans for Advent are in "the works" and will include a cookie/candy sale, since last year's was such a success! The Altar Guild meets the 2nd Monday of every month from 6:30-7:30 pm. We are always looking for committee members. Come check us out!



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## Recognizing Hunger

In this month of November, with Thanksgiving feasts and family gathering times being planned, we are asked by our ELCA Church to think of others. Think of people in need, near and far.

In his book, *If the World Were a Village*, David J. Smith describes our world as a village of 100 people where 50 people are hungry some or all of the time, 16 people are severely undernourished, and 34



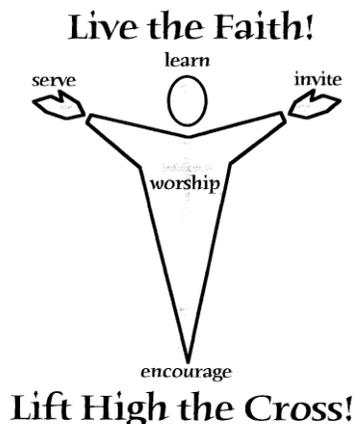
people always have enough to eat. This is a time to recognize hunger right here and far away, then recognize hunger causes

and how we can help.

Locally, you can join Resurrection folks helping to supply dinners and Christmas gifts. In the larger picture, join ELCA's immediate efforts to feed people and with longer term efforts, improve lives through education and with supplies for vocational opportunities and physical health. Gifts sent to ELCA World Hunger, P.O. Box 71764, Chicago, IL 60694-1764 will help.



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**SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM**  
**SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM**  
**MIDWEEK WORSHIP 7:00 PM**

*(fourth Wednesday of the month)*