



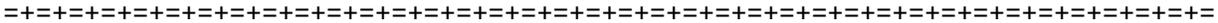
RESURRECTION REFLECTIONS

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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 Brothers and Sisters in Christ;

Fall is upon us! Now, that the program year has begun, I am excited for the opportunities that our congregation has to be able to live out their baptismal calling and to be Christ's disciples in the world.



This year, once again, Rally Day coincided with "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday. Our congregation was invited to help in the historic district of Haysville. We helped by pulling weeds, transplanting flowers and shrubs, and general beautification of the space. It was a wonderful afternoon where many hands made light work.

We currently have 6 kids who are preparing to receive their First Bibles. They have diligently come with their parents to weekly classes to learn more about the Bible and to become familiar with the stories. These kids are so excited to be able to learn more about their faith and have already asked multiple times when they will get their Bibles back so they can read them.

It is great to see their enthusiasm on a weekly basis. Please be ready to share your favorite Bible

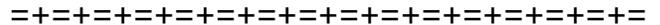
verse or story with them when they receive their Bibles during the service on October 2.

As the year progresses, confirmation classes will begin meeting weekly in the new year. We were able to celebrate the affirmation of baptism with Trace Aaron Tjaden on the last Sunday of August. The congregation's support and prayers have made a positive impact on Trace's faith life, which was made clear as he shared his faith story with us all.

Lastly, my heartfelt thank you to the congregation for the wonderful baby shower and numerous diapers and gifts. Rory and I cannot wait to introduce you to our little one.

Peace and Blessings,

Pr. Elizabeth Cummings



RLC Children's Choir singing in worship service

COUNCIL NOTES

by Barry Schroeder, Council President



Front left to right; MyKenzie McKusker, Lisa Atcheson, Shari Jordan, Rick Clements

Back left to right: Deanna Deutscher, Lydia Evans, Karolyn Braun, Pastor Elizabeth Cummings, Ray York, Barry Schroeder

As was mentioned in the last newsletter Stewardship was selected as a focus for the year by Council, as well as the Central States Synod. Since the last newsletter that focus on stewardship has materialized in the formation of the JOY (Jesus, Others, You) Team. The JOY Team kicked off their activities with a congregational potluck on October 2nd. After enjoying the wonderful cooking of our members the JOY Team made a presentation explaining what JOY is and how we can be a part of it.



- Down = Jesus – looks at the many ways that God has come down to us in love. Stewardship is first and foremost about God and not about us.
- Out = Others – we begin by receiving God’s love as it comes down to us, then we look in to recognize the gifts that God has entrusted to our care, and now we respond by looking out for ways to use these gifts in service to God and our neighbor. God has equipped each and every one of us to use the gifts we have received to reflect God’s love to our neighbor.
- In = You – In response to the love and generosity that God has shown to us, we look in to see the many assets that God has entrusted to our care – time, talents, money, resources, and much more. Everyone has a gift to share!

As part of the presentation everyone was provided with a questionnaire that will be used to identify each individual’s spiritual gifts. As additional incentive, those who completed a questionnaire were entered into a drawing for several gift cards. Afterward there were several JOY themed games to for any or all to enJOY.

During the upcoming year, each month will have a specific focus on some aspect of stewardship. The focus in October is the Quarter Challenge for Camp Tomah Shinga. The focus in November will be ELCA World Hunger Appeal. In December the focus will be on Advent with more details to be revealed. The JOY Team has a great start and I encourage everyone to be part of the fun activities that they will be organizing. It is also a great opportunity for you to volunteer. You may not be able to commit to a team or committee but helping with or arranging a specific event might better fit your schedule.

The Council continues to oversee the day to day business of our congregation in our monthly meetings. We continue to review our policies and procedures to see where things could be improved. Each month, the approved Council Minutes are posted on the hallway bulletin board so you can stay up to date on the current Council activities. Financial information is in the Sunday bulletin so you can readily have visibility of the church’s finances.

Backpack Blessing

August 21, 2016

As schools are beginning the Fall classes, children are returning to school, and they have backpacks. Pastor Elizabeth proclaimed this Sunday, August 21st as Backpack Blessing Day. Many backpacks of varied descriptions appeared beneath our altar and pastor blessed them during the children's sermon. Each child received a sticker or luggage tag for their bag which proclaimed, 'Blessed to be a Blessing'.



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All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, Lord; they will bring glory to your name. 10 For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God.
Psalm 86:9-10

Monument Dedication



June 5, 2016, Pastor Elizabeth led the congregation in dedicating Resurrection's monument. The cross is from Resurrection's former church building. The cornerstone from the old church building is part of the monument's base. Opposite this stone, is the dedication date of our present church building. At the base are bricks engraved in memory of loved ones passed on. This is an on-going project as members dedicate more memorial bricks. Bruce Cloyd salvaged the cross and bricks from the 'old church' and oversees this project with the property committee.

PS Remember! There is a Time Capsule encased in the monument. Placed during our 50th anniversary celebration, it is to be opened during Resurrection's 100th year, Centennial Celebration.



2016 Tomah Shinga Campers

The Resurrection Family is happy to be blessed with involved children – our future church. Several of them were able to attend Bible Camp this summer. The campers are:



Allie Clevenger, Madison Clevenger, Brylie Christiansen, Natasha Braun, Donovan Braun, Zoe Deutscher, Avery Schill, Carlie Schill, Derrick Marshall, and Taeden Marshall.

Read on for some of their thoughts and reactions about Camp Tomah Shinga.

Camp this year was awesome! One of my favorite things was hiking to the chapel of the lizard. It was an overlook of the camp and the fields around us. It was beautiful. Thank you everyone for the opportunity!
Avery Schill

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I loved camp! Camp is honestly my favorite camp. I also liked camp better this year because this year I got to go with someone. That someone is Zoe. She and I got to know each other a lot better and now we have something to talk about! Thank you soo much for this great friendship and camp!
Carlie Schill

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2016 Tomah Shinga Campers

Thank you everyone for sending me to camp Tomah Shinga. The first thing we did there was play games. The next day we went to see the horses in the morning and sence it rained the night before we got to paint the horses. Then we came back and did archry that ening. On Tuesday we went back to the horses and we rode them around their little arna. When we got back we went canouing with a counsler. The next day we got to trot on the horses wich was amazing. After we returned we went on the high ropes couse, the rock wall, the zip line, and the travirse. Then on Thursday when we went to the horse barn we went on a trail ride up and down hills. When we got back we got to go home. Natasha Braun

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First I want to say thank you to WELCA for helping to pay for camp. It was my first time and I had a great time. I want to go back again next year. I enjoyed the zip line. I wanted to do it twice for the time I was there. It was also fun to share a cabin with the councilers since I was the only boy there. My favorite parts of camp were the evening sendings, zip line, and the horses.
Donovan Braun



In front - Taeden Marshall, Derrick Marshall, Carlie & Avery Schill, Zoe Deutscher

A Week of Awesomeness

by Zoe Deutscher

This was my first year going to camp Tomah Shiga. We drove up with Carly and Avery Schill. Carly and Avery had been before and on the ride there they were telling me all about what they did when they went last year. I was super nervous and super excited to. When we got there, the camp staff made me feel welcome. Some things I really enjoyed at camp were every morning and every night we did worship, worship is where we would go to a certain place and we sang songs and read the bible verse we were studying that day, then after the bible verse in the morning the staff would do a skit about the bible verse to further explain the bible verse. In the evening there would be a certain group that was in charge of evening worship and would choose all of the songs we sang and would do the skit. Another thing I really liked about camp was this thing that the staff called Owling. Owling is where we went to a quiet and very dark place and played a Bard Owl sound and waited and see if we could get a Bard owl to come or at least call back, we were about to play the owl call one more time and one of the staff told us to pray so we all prayed and then one of the staff played the recording one last time and nothing... so we started picking our stuff to leave and we heard an owl call back then another then we saw one fly to another tree and we followed it around and then we saw one of them fly to another tree again, they started making sounds that the staff said meant that they were mad. Their calls started getting further and further away so we went back to our cabins for the night. We could hear the owls from our cabins. It was so COOL!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! The last thing we did was painted rocks white which represented our baptism and then painted it colorful in washable paint to represent our sins and then we put the rocks on this humongous cross and when it rains it will wash away the colorful paint (our sins) and it means that Jesus died on the cross to forgive our sins so we put our sinful rocks on the cross and our sins will be washed away on the cross. That was my week at Camp Tomah Shiga.



Thank you for helping me go to camp. I really liked it there. I want to go there again. My favorite song was Sanctuary. Also, I really loved the talent show. I made two best friends named Loren and Tatum. Allison Clevenger

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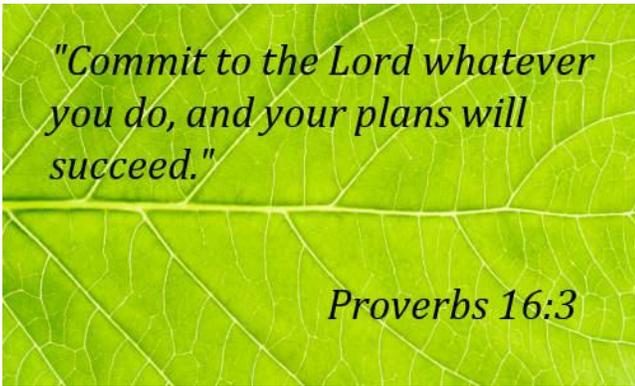
Thank you for letting me go to camp! I had a great time. I am looking forward to going next summer for a week. Thank you very much!!! Madison Clevenger

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Mother's Covers

When you were small
And just a touch away,
I covered you with blankets
Against the cool night air.
But now that you are tall
And out of reach,
I fold my hands
And cover you with prayer.

Source unknown



Farewell and Welcome Celebration

On June 29th Resurrection celebrated our Office Administrator, Cathleen Ramirez and the ten years she has served at our church. Our celebration included lunch, balloons, gifts, and a devotional book with many members' blessings. Cathleen is presently serving as a grief counselor with Kidzcope, a grief support organization for children and families. Cathleen says, "Kidzcope services are free and most children are referred from school social workers or other professionals. I have a beautiful office and I feel ridiculously happy."



We also met and welcomed our new office administrator Vicky Tully. Stop in the church office and meet Vicky.

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Fall Bazaar



It's not too early to begin plans for the annual Fall Bazaar sponsored by WELCA. The event begins on Friday, November 11 at 9 a.m. and continues through to Saturday afternoon. Lunch will be

available with sloppy joes, pie, and soups. Cinnamon rolls will be available as long as they last.

It's the place to do your Christmas shopping, to find new holiday décor, discover bargains in "Granny's Corner," and meet friends for coffee and lunch.

We'll have our old favorite items for sale and lots of new ideas. The gift popular baskets for all ages and prices will again be available.

We'll be setting up on Wednesday and Thursday and this always requires lots of helping hands. Funds raised will go toward sending our youth to Camp Tomah Shinga next summer.

Mark your calendars: Friday and Saturday, November 11th and 12th, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. If you have questions, see Evelyn Clark or a member of WELCA.

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WELCA Convention, July 29-31, 2016

Vickie Sample

I had the honor of attending the 29th Annual Convention of the Central States



Synodical Women of the ELCA. The theme for the convention was “Faith Moves Mountains”. Attendance was close to 200, with ladies traveling as far away as western Kansas, Arkansas, Nebraska and many from Missouri. I was the sole representative of our congregation. I thank our WELCA ladies for making my attendance possible and for their generous contribution of in-kind gifts of toothpaste and combs, which were combined with other in-kind gifts from the other clusters. One hundred bags were assembled and distributed to the “Go:61 Organization” and the “Safe to Sleep Organization”, both of which are located in Springfield, MO. GO:61 focuses on human trafficking and Safe To Sleep places their focus on the homeless. According to the 2014 US Department of Housing and Urban Development Report, Springfield surpasses St. Louis with 25.6% of Springfield families living below the poverty line. Speakers representing both agencies gave excellent presentations. Fellowship and delicious food were enjoyed by all.

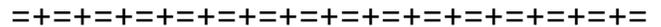
Currently the Women of the ELCA are preparing for the 10th Triennial Convention which will be held July 13-16 of next year. This convention will be held in Minneapolis, MN. The theme for this great gathering will be title: “ALL NEW”. Thousands of women from ELCA churches nationwide will attend this fabulous gathering to share in God’s word and fellowship. Registration opens September 6th of this year. Not only will this be the celebration of the 10th Triennial Convention, but it will also be the 30th anniversary of The Women of the ELCA.

The 30th anniversary of the Annual Convention of the Central States Synodical Women of the ELCA will be held next September 29th through October 1st. The convention will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in McPherson, KS. Pastor Tim Leaf oversees this church. Let’s all look toward this date and have a huge turnout from our congregation to share in the celebration of 30 years of the Women of the ELCA.

Indeed 2017 will be a year of a double celebration. It will truly be an exciting weekend of faith, fellowship and fun. Make plans now to attend either convention.



The ladies that represented Area 5 at the WELCA Convention in Springfield, Missouri July 29-31, 2016. Left to right — Alice Burnett (Cross of Glory), Jean Hagbon (Gloria Dei), Vickie Sample (Resurrection), Lola Mae Hershberger (Gloria Dei), Kathy Drake (Reformation).



Confirmation Culmination

After three years of confirmation classes, friends and family gathered to celebrate Trace Tjaden’s Affirmation of Baptism during worship on August 28, 2016. Trace shared his faith story during the service and his secret, three year prayer buddy was revealed as Rory Cummings. Following worship, a delicious cake was enjoyed by all.



Property Committee Update

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is hard to believe that we are already through September! 2016 has been flying by! The Property Committee has been busy. Throughout this year, we have been working on creating a brick memorial at the base of the monument. Thank you to everyone who helped on this project. On June 5th, we were able to have a dedication for all of those who have joined the church triumphant. Just as a reminder, anyone is able to have a memorable brick made at any time, just see a Property Committee member for the form.

In June, we held a property clean-up day. Many weeds were pulled, closets were cleaned, a bench by the monument was installed, the base of the monument was painted, as well as a few other projects. A big thank you to all those who helped that day! There will be another clean-up day this fall, stay tuned for more details.

As we look towards the rest of the year, there are still a lot of things the Property Committee has planned. Be on the lookout for a fall clean-up day, our Oktoberfest fall fundraiser, and some other various projects, just to name a few. Just a reminder that the committee meets the first Wednesday of the month and all are welcome to attend.

In God's Peace,

Rory Cummings for The Property Committee

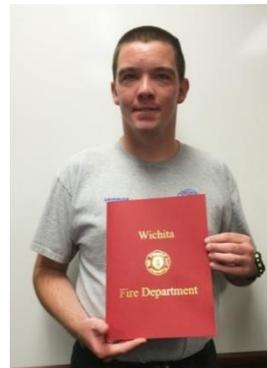


Fire Academy Graduation



On July 12th, William Casteel graduated from a 10 week, 30 hour Fire Academy. This course is conducted by the Wichita Fire Department for citizens who desire to learn about firefighting methods and how to best assist during an emergency. Fire Department Chief, Ronald D. Blackwell presented completion awards to twelve students including William.

Congratulations, William!



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But be very careful to keep the commandment and the law of Moses the servant of the LORD gave you; to love the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, to keep his commands, to hold fast to him and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.

Joshua 22:5

Resurrection's Rally Day

September 11th was our Rally Day and there were several activities in our celebration. Sunday School resumed and during worship, the teachers were recognized, given a blessing while the congregation promised their support.

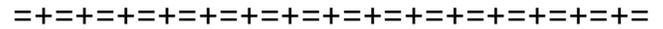


Kippie Bock, Loretta Holmes, Karolyn Braun, Pam Porsch, Eric Braun, Tressa Vogt
(missing: Hope Tjaden, Sara Schill, Deanna Deutscher)

Rally Day was also **God's Work, Our Hands** Day. There were lots of yellow shirts as a hardy crew gathered to help beautify God's world. It was a beautiful day as they worked together to complete several gardening projects at the Haysville Library, transplanting and pulling enough weeds to fill 2½ dumpsters.



Rory & Pastor Elizabeth Cummings, Noreen Sholts, William Casteel, Vicki Larsen, Barry Schroeder, Loretta Holmes, Vickie Sample, Bob Shick with Elizabeth Shockey, Barbara Shick with Wesley Shockey, Clark Sholts
(missing: John Larsen)



YMT Events

by Pam Porsch

August 27 & October 22 – Sandwich Saturday 9:30-noon –Members of the church gather to prepare 200+ sack lunches and deliver them to St John's Episcopal Church in Wichita at 11:00am. On August 27 we had 38 volunteers make over 220 sandwiches in 30



Elizabeth Tjaden, Madison Clevenger



Shay Scarlet, Victoria Tjaden, Derick Marshall, Bob Shick, William Casteel, Brittany

minutes! Come join the fun! The homeless are very grateful for this outreach project and the youth and adults continue to be excited to participate in this Community Service Project. This event is open to the entire congregation – come help make some sack lunches, help deliver them and see for yourself the gratitude from the homeless and the St John's coordinators.

October 8 &9 – Bierocks anyone?! The youth will spend October 8th making 200+ bierocks, so that on Sunday, October 9th the congregation can have treats to purchase and take home to eat. The Youth sincerely

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thank the congregation for their support. **THANK YOU!!**

Date yet to be determined for the 5th Annual All Saint's Birthday Party and Bingo 2-4pm @ RLC –We had a scheduling conflict for our July date, so we are working to get a new date set. All attendees are guaranteed to have a fun afternoon and enjoying birthday cake and an ever exciting afternoon of bingo with over 50 winners. Be on the Lookout for the date to be announced **SOON!!**

January 14 – Will bring about the YMTs 5th Annual Chili Cook-Off and Dessert Auction. Get out your best chili and dessert recipes and dust them off - the challenge will be here shortly! Make sure to mark your calendar for this fun event for all ages!

On a very hot day, August 13th, Resurrection's youth turned out to sell hot dogs and sodas to the Haysville Citywide Garage Sale shoppers. Pastor Elizabeth and Rory not only hosted the event, they worked too! Rory was the master griller and Pastor, the detail, fill-in-the-cracks person. The youth worked hard too and earned money toward the future National Youth Gathering.



Front: Ellie Bock, Avery Schill,
 Back: Rory Cummings, Trace Tjaden, Bob Shick,
 William & Caty Casteel, Barbara Shick.
 Missing in Photo: Pastor Elizabeth, Natasha Braun

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**SERVE ONE
 ANOTHER
 IN LOVE**
GALATIANS 5:13

Crop Walk



On Sunday October 2nd RLC participated in the Crop Walk to end hunger at Sedgwick County Park. In addition to the monetary donations that were raised by the walkers they also delivered the peanut butter donations that members had brought to church in the weeks leading up to the walk.

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Sweet Peace – A Dessert Benefit

On October 6th, Partners for Wichita held this benefit event whose mission is *'We work together in pursuit of peace and well-being in Wichita and beyond through partnerships, by connecting individuals, faith communities and community organizations.'* Partners for Wichita was founded by Pastors Dave Fulton and Sally Fahrenthold. Learn more about this organization and event from ten RLC members who thoroughly enjoyed sampling luscious and beautifully presented desserts donated by 15 local bakeries and restaurants.



Spotlight on Evelyn Cherry



Evelyn was born in Salem Hospital, Hillsboro, KS. She grew up on a farm as ‘big sister’ for her three younger brothers. The family belonged to Trinity Lutheran Church in Durham where Evelyn was baptized and confirmed. Sadly, that church was closed twelve years ago. Her grandparents were from Russia and Germany where her mother was born premature just 2 months before they immigrated on a ship to the USA. Recently she received genealogy history documenting these events. Evelyn was raised speaking German at home and church, learning English when she began school. Education was stressed in her home and all the children graduated head of their class; each also earned a college degree. Evelyn remembers her father driving the children to school in Durham which was 6 miles away on Hwy 50, then a 2 lane sand or mud road. When it snowed, they rode in a horse drawn lumber wagon. In school, she participated in 4-H traveling to Topeka to speak to 4-H groups. She played baseball and basketball for the Durham Huskers.

Growing up on their family farm meant helping with morning and evening chores to raise chickens, cattle, pigs and wheat. Evelyn learned to feed chickens and gather eggs, and milk about 20 cows. Extra cream and eggs were sold. All the children also worked in their vegetable garden, always planting potatoes on March 17th. There was no refrigeration and Evelyn recalls frying meat for days, packing it in grease in crocks to be stored in the basement. She also helped to make lye soap. Growing up with 3 brothers, Evelyn pretty much ‘lived’ in overalls and once was whipped for ‘sitting like a boy’ when she wore a dress to church. There was time for play: running and spinning a wheel, lots of ‘hide & go seek’ through corn rows and baseball with their one, well used softball which was often repaired with twine. Evelyn had one feminine toy, a porcelain doll, which suffered a broken leg after one of her brothers fell on it.



After graduating high school in Durham, Evelyn went to Brown-Mackie Business College in Salina, where they studied from the texts she had used in Durham High, so that she earned her degree in 9 months. She worked in a radio & TV shop in Salina, moved to Wichita in 1955 working for RCA in service, repairs and bookkeeping. She was employed for 35 years by Westside Mattress Co. as bookkeeper, advancing to assistant manager. Most recently Evelyn worked for Advanced Physical Therapy in Haysville.

Evelyn has 2 sons, 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren living in West Wichita, one grandchild lives in New Orleans. Evelyn has lived in Haysville 58 years in her original home on Western Avenue. She has been a member of Resurrection for 53 years, first worshiping in Freeberg Hall. Over the years, she has served 12 years on Church Council and taught first grade Sunday School. Presently you will see Evelyn serving on Resurrection’s Welcome team, Altar Guild and WELCA. Outside church, Evelyn is active in ESA, business & professional sorority, Haysville’s Chamber of Commerce, Senior Center and Library. Ever a sports fan, while Evelyn follows baseball and football, her favorite is WSU basketball.