



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;

As we look forward into 2018, there are many things that are starting, or continuing, to fill up our calendars. You will notice that new this year is the 2018 congregational calendar in the fellowship hall. This gives our congregation an additional way to stay up to date with the church happenings. Please feel free to add items that your teams or committees plan (in pencil) and then communicate that to the church office. It is the hope that this will be a visible reminder of how active our congregation is.



In October 2017, our congregation celebrated the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. We also rejoiced with 4 of our youth who affirmed their baptism during the Reformation Sunday worship. Avery Schill, Natasha Braun, Derick Marshall, and Emery Evans shared their faith stories with the congregation. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to share a piece of themselves and for the congregation to support them in their faith journey.

We currently have 9 students in the confirmation program and will confirm Emma

Atcheson and Ellie Bock during the 2018 Reformation Sunday service.

The ELCA National Youth Gathering will be in Houston, TX this summer. 4 youth from Resurrection, Avery Schill, Natasha Braun, Emma Atcheson, and Derick Marshall will travel with Lisa Atcheson, Ryan Marshall and other Area 5 churches during the last week of June to meet up with 30,000 other Lutherans for a life changing, memorable week exploring their faith and doing community service.

One way to help send the youth to the Youth Gathering is by registering your Dillons Plus card and choosing Resurrection to receive community rewards. Resurrection will get a quarterly check from this program and the more participations we have, the bigger the reward. Thank you for supporting all the various ministries of our congregation.

Wishing you blessings in the coming year and keeping you in my prayers.

Peace and Blessings,

Pr. Elizabeth Cummings

My flesh and my heart may fail, but God
is the strength of my heart and my
portion forever. -Psalm 73:26

Council Notes

by Robert Nunn, Council President



Left to right; Gerald Yochum, Pam Porsch, Loretta Holmes, Pastor Elizabeth Cummings, Bob Schick, Shari Jordan – Secretary, Robert Nunn – President, Jeanette Westerhaus, Barry Schroeder - Vice President

Hello Resurrection Congregation — Another year has come and gone. Time is flying by quickly and I'm ready for spring with all the new plant life to blossom. I whole heartedly thank all of you for an outstanding 2017 with the continued growth of Our Church and Gods' Kingdom. January has come and gone. February is off and running and it has been busy. A Valentines Brunch took place on a very cold day, followed by Lent. "It's Soup Time" is one of my Lenten favorites and I am thankful for our Ash Wednesday service and all the soup suppers during the Lenten Season. With many events happening, I hope you took part in the Wichita Fire Fighters vs. and Police Hockey Match. Also, the Resurrection Trivia Geeks did their best for us at the Team Trivia Night and Silent Auction. Besides rousing trivia games, there were lots of neat theme baskets to bid on, all in support of Partners for Wichita. Please check the Events Calendar in Fellowship Hall for further information on upcoming events. Many Church functions will be happening this year, so please update your personal calendar and we will see you at all your Favorite Church Events.

— Thanks Be To GOD,

Hockey Night



On February 17th, Council sponsored a Community Outing at Intrust Bank Arena where Resurrection hockey fans enjoyed watching a rousing match between Wichita's Firemen and Policemen. RLC supported the Firemen as Loretta Holmes' son, Jeff is their goalie. After a great effort by both teams sadly, the Firemen lost. It was much fun and half of the proceeds were given to the Children's Home. Oh, yes, following the Firemen vs Police game, there was a Wichita Thunder game too.



Advent and Christmas Celebrated!!

On Christmas Eve at Resurrection the children’s sermon began in the sanctuary where they opened the "Greatest Gift of all, Baby Jesus." The children then followed Pastor Elizabeth Cummings to the nativity in the narthex where they placed Jesus, the Greatest Gift, in the manger. Then Pastor Elizabeth blessed the nativity. Also on Christmas Eve the youth presented a “Super Hero Christmas.” The super heroes learned of a greater power and worshiped the newborn babe.



Ash Wednesday Soup Supper

By Jeanette Westerhaus



Zoe Deutscher, Elizabeth Tjaden, Avery & Carlie Schill, Natasha Braun, Derick Marshall

Ash Wed Soup Supper was planned, prepared and served by the youth preparing to go to the ELCA National Youth Gathering. This was an opportunity to raise more funds before they head to Houston at the end of June. WELCA was gracious in giving the youth their annual fundraiser for this year since the youth gathering is fast approaching. I offered to head it up for them and applied for a Thrivent Action Grant to help with this. The youth and their parents made the soups and provided the muscle to make this a success. I just stood by as advisor if they needed it. They are a very level headed, hardworking and thoughtful group of teenagers. What an asset to our church family. Love them to pieces.

Haysville Fall Festival Parade



Listening for Peace Prayer Service

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

November 21, 2017



Pr. Dave Fulton, Mother Laurie Lewis, Pr. Elizabeth Cummings, Fr. David Lies, Bishop Carl Kemme, Fr. Jarrod Lies, Bishop Roger Gustafson, Right Rev. Michael Miliken, Rev Mitch Reese

“Listening for Peace,” the first in a series of ecumenical gatherings sharing word, reflection and prayer was held Tuesday, November 21st at St. Mary’s Cathedral in Wichita. Clergy from Lutheran, Roman Catholic, Episcopal and United Methodist churches gave meditations in a service of prayer and song. Pastor Elizabeth Cummings from Resurrection gave one of the meditations, Pastor Dave Fulton of St. Paul’s Wichita introduced the program and Bishop Roger Gustafson also participated. Pastor Mari Larson of Reformation was also involved in the planning.

Praying Together - Listening for Peace

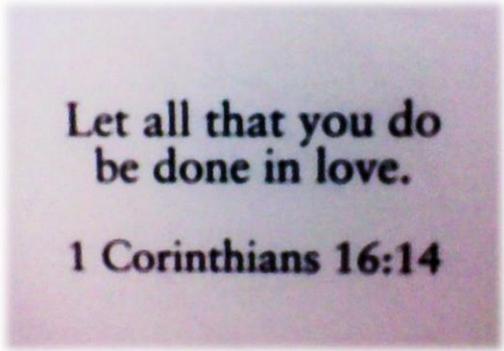


The second “Listening for Peace” ecumenical gathering sharing word, reflection and prayer was held Tuesday, January 9th at Reformation. Clergy from 1st Presbyterian Church, Chapel Hill United Methodist Church and Bethany Missionary Baptist Church gave meditations in a service of prayer and song. Catholic representatives led prayers, music was provided by Reformation musicians and Reformation hosted refreshments and conversation time. Pastor Dave Fulton of St. Paul’s-Wichita and Pastor Mari Larson of Reformation were involved in the planning. Watch for and plan to attend the next ecumenical gathering and be inspired to be “Listening for Peace”.

Heads up for the third gathering being planned for this Spring. Plan to attend this next ecumenical gathering and be inspired to be “Listening for Peace”.

The following is from Dietrich Bonhoeffer for your spiritual edification:

"Prayer offered in early morning is decisive for the day. The wasted time we are ashamed of, the temptations we succumb to, the weakness and discouragement in our work, the disorder and lack of discipline in our thinking and in our dealings with other people, all these very frequently have their cause in our neglect of morning prayer. The ordering and scheduling of our time will become more secure when it comes from prayer."



Affirmation of Baptism

Completing three years of study, Natasha Braun, Emery Evans, Avery Schill and Derick Marshall were confirmed. Their statements of faith, read to our congregation, were heartfelt and impressive.



Trivia Night

TRIVIA NIGHT is sponsored by and benefits Partners for Wichita. Our quick thinking team members were, Kylie, Mykenzie, & Rebecca McKusker, with Evelyn Clark. Rory Cummings was a member of the judging panel.



Resurrection's Team contemplating the answer to a tough question.

Be Thankful

Author Unknown

*Be thankful that you don't have everything you desire,
If you did, what would there be to look forward to?*

Be thankful when you don't know something

For it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times.

During those times you grow.

Be thankful for your limitations

Because they give you opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for each new challenge

Because it will build your strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes

They will teach you valuable lessons.

Be thankful when you're tired and weary

Because it means you've made a difference.

It is easy to be thankful for the good things.

*A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are
also thankful for the setbacks.*

GRATITUDE can turn a negative into a positive.

*Find a way to be thankful for your troubles
and they can become your blessings.*



Lydia Evans & Lyndsey Hale put together this basket for the Trivia Night Basket Auction.

Senior Moments - For all of us who are seniors – for all of us who know seniors – and for all of you who will be seniors. It pays to be able to laugh about it when you are!

“Where is my SUNDAY paper?” the irate customer calling the newspaper office loudly demanded, wanting to know where her Sunday paper was. “Madam,” said the newspaper employee, “Today is Saturday. The Sunday paper is not delivered until tomorrow, on Sunday.” There was quite a long pause on the other end of the phone, followed by a ray of recognition as she was heard to mutter, “Well – that explains why no one was at church this morning.”

Camp Tomah Shinga Scholarships



The schedules for Camp Tomah Shinga have been posted on their web site. If you plan to send your child/children, please, check the schedule and pre-enroll. Again, there is an early bird deduction of \$50 per child for enrollments before April 1st and \$20 per child if there is more than one child from a family. Early bird fees for 2018 are \$355 for the full 5-day sessions and \$200 for the 3-day. WELCA will again offer scholarships of \$200 toward the \$355 and \$100 toward the \$200 fees. If you have questions, please see Evelyn Clark. Remember, enrolling before April 1st will save you \$50 per child.

ELCA National Youth Gathering

Youth in grades 8-12 are eligible to attend the ELCA National Youth Gathering June 27-July 1, 2018 in Houston, Texas.



The theme of the gathering is, 'This Changes Everything'. There are plans to take an Area 5 bus to the Gathering. Area Ministry 5 Pre-Gathering Bible Studies have been scheduled. The first was on January 21 at Gloria Dei, next is April 22 at Reformation, all from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Additionally, the Area Ministry 5 youth gathered at Camp Tomah Shinga on March 3rd. Since the last youth gathering, 3 years ago, our youth have been working faithfully to raise money for NYG expenses. Just around the corner is the next NYG fundraiser, **MARCH MADNESS BRACKET CHALLENGE**. *Start thinking about your selections, choose your favorite basketball teams. And, in April the youth will put on a MYSTERY DINNER THEATER with the proceeds being used to support the youth and adult sponsors attending The Gathering.* The youth attending are: Natasha Braun, Emma Atcheson, Avery Schill, and Derick Marshall. The adult sponsors are: Lisa Atcheson and Ryan Marshall. Support our youth traveling to Houston for a most memorable experience this Summer.

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.

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Upcoming RLC Youth Events

3rd-5th Grade Overnighter –The annual 3rd-5th Grade Overnighter at the Haysville Sleep Inn will be sometime in April – date yet to be determined. Brian and Nikki Christiansen have volunteered to be the adult sponsors for the overnighter. The youth will also study John 16:33, just as the youth attending Quake studied.

Plant Sales – March 11th-25th the Youth will hold their annual plant sales. Several congregation members have provided wonderful testimonies of how superb their plants, purchased from the youth, thrived the last few years. 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. Be on the lookout for this year’s selections!



Sandwich Saturdays - Resurrection will once again be hosting Sandwich Saturdays in 2018. Our first Saturday will be April 28th, then August 25th and October 27th. If you would like to help out with this Community Service project see Loretta or Pam.



Shipwrecked VBS 2018 – VBS will be held July 16th-23rd from 6:00-8:30pm. The theme for the week is “Rescued by Jesus”. Venture onto an uncharted island where kids learn Jesus is by their side through every storm in life. When you’re lonely, when you worry, struggle, do wrong, and when you’re powerless Jesus rescues! Be on the lookout for registration AND volunteer opportunities AND donation opportunities.



Black Forest Poke Cake

Shared by Ruth Albertin

- 1 Box Chocolate Cake mix
- 2 large eggs
- ¾ cup milk
- ½ cup vegetable oil
- 1 16-oz hot fudge sauce
- 1 21-oz Cherry Pie Filling
- 2 cups heavy whipping cream or whipped topping
- 1 ¼ cups powdered sugar
- 1 chocolate bar

INSTRUCTIONS: Preheat oven to 350 F. Mix first 4 ingredients well on medium speed. Bake in 9-by-13-inch pan for 20-22 minutes. Check for doneness with tooth pick inserted into cake’s center. Cool 10 minutes. While cake is still warm, poke holes all over top of cake with handle of a wooden spoon. Heat hot fudge sauce in microwave for about 30 -60 seconds until you can stir and thin it out. Pour sauce over cake to absorb. Cool completely. Pour fruit filling over cake, spread evenly. To prepare whipped cream, put bowl and whisk attachment in freezer for 5-10 minutes. In cold mixing bowl, beat cream on medium speed about 3 minutes. Add powdered sugar and increase speed to medium high. Beat until stiff peaks form. Spread whipped cream over cake. Chop chocolate bar into small pieces and sprinkle over top. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

Resurrection Chimes



Do you recall the Resurrection chimes? Do you wonder where they are these days? They are now at Gloria Dei Church in Wichita. On Sunday, March 4th, the Third Sunday of Lent, Gloria Dei held a Sung Evening Prayer at 5:30 p.m. and dedicated the chimes from Resurrection. A potluck meal followed.

Mission Church in Area 5

Mission San Juan de Dios (Partners Church) has many families with children as regular worshippers and the children are active participants in the worship services. Area Ministry 5 members are invited to help support this outreach to Spanish-speaking people in Wichita. The “40 for the Future” Campaign invites each confirmed member in Area 5 to contribute \$40 a year to help support Mission San Juan de Dios. Mail checks written to Mission San Juan de Dios to St. Paul’s Lutheran Church at 925 N. Waco, Wichita, KS 67203. Check Mission San Juan de Dios’ Face-book page for event information or call Pastor Ivan Gonzales at (516) 859-1392.



Palm Branches

by Evelyn Clark



Where do those palms come from? Each year we enter the sanctuary on Palm Sunday waving our palm branches, but where do those palms come from? Early in the 2000s, environmental researchers found that churches were the primary users of palm fronds, that palm growth was declining, and that communities that harvested the palms were paid very little with most of the funds going to middlemen who sold the fronds to florists.

The question was raised, would churches support a palm market that promoted sustainable agriculture? In 2005, working with Lutheran World Relief, Eco-Palms began partnering with palm-harvesting communities in Guatemala. Resurrection was among the first group of churches using Eco-Palms. This year, sales may hit the 1 million mark! The project sends funds directly back to the local communities and also helps conserve the larger rainforest trees which shelter the types of palm fronds used on Palm Sunday. These palm trees grow near the forest floor and need the cover of larger trees.

So, wave high your palms on Palm Sunday; they’re beautiful and eco-friendly!



LENTEN GOOD GIFTS TREE-



It’s as easy as 1-2-3! 1. Select an ornament. 2. Write your name on the back and return the ornament to the basket beneath the green wire tree displayed in the narthex. 3. Pay for your ornament with a check to RLC with “good

gifts” on the memo line or use a pew envelop. After Easter, your gifts will be sent to ELCA Good Gifts to support work in 83 countries. Your gift will be entered as a record of giving at RLC.

Resurrection's Busy Youth

by Pam Porsch

Youth Quake– February 2nd seven Middle School youth – Donovan Braun, Aubrey Gill, Carlie Schill, Zoe Deutscher, Allison Clevenger, Elizabeth Tjaden and Emma Atcheson, with their adult chaperone, Maranda Pike, began their weekend of worship and study of John 16:33 at the Wichita Hyatt downtown. The weekend began with a Celebration worship event led by the musician brothers Swen and Dean who got everyone up and moving and singing. The featured speaker for the weekend, Gabe Kasper provided inspirational messages all weekend. Saturday morning the youth chose their three workshops to attend during the day, as well as participated in Celebration with Swen and Dean and Gabe. Saturday ended with all attending Campfire. Sunday morning was the final Celebration worship service.

Swen and Dean are two brothers from Minnesota. Their bio states “Singing isn’t why we are here. God is and you are. Music is one of the ways to put the two together. We are in it for the experience. On and off the stage we love to hang with people. Our style is Swen and Dean style. Our hope is that you know that you are valuable and loved.” We experienced their love for God and others. Swen even made a special VIP code with the youth. Ask them about it!



Lunch with Dean *Hanging out with Swen*



Gabe Kasper is a pastor and church planter with the ACTS Church Network, he was formerly working in Austin, Texas and has recently moved to Michigan. His passion for preaching and teaching have led him to speak at camps, churches, youth events, schools, universities and yes, even a haunted house convention. In his spare time, Gabe enjoys playing soccer, reading books, listening to punk rock and cheering on his

beloved Green Bay Packers. He and his wonderful wife Melissa have one son, Titus.



Dinner with Gabe

We were honored to have Dean join us for lunch on Saturday and for dinner Gabe came and ate pizza with us. These are wonderful experiences for the youth to actually sit and talk with prominent Christian role models! We had an awesome weekend!!



Waiting on Sunday morning Celebration to begin.

Youth Assistants During Lent

During Lent at Resurrection, our youth are assisting in the Wednesday evening worship services as ushers, acolyte, crucifer and lectionary readers.



Ashlynn Bock, Jordan Vogt, Elizabeth Tjaden

Chili Cook-Off & Dessert Auction



In January, our youth held their 7th annual Chili Cook-off and Dessert Auction. Chili tasting and voting for favorites from nine different, anonymously offered, chili pots comes first. This year's first place chili making winner, Shari Jordan, proudly wore a ridiculous, but coveted, red chili hat. Kris Atcheson and Allison Clevenger were chili making runners-up. Rick Clements returned as our rousing auctioneer for the dessert auction, helping to raise funds for the youth. He is good at getting bids up, but tries to ignore his wife, Linda, who bids on most EVERYTHING which consequently costs Rick mega bucks when she wins the bid! Resurrection's youth worked hard on this beneficial, fun and tasty evening.



St Paul Community Breakfast



Early on Thanksgiving Saturday, RLC members served the Free Community Breakfast at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wichita. Around 200 people in need were served this morning. A Community Breakfast is offered by area church groups at St Paul Lutheran every Saturday. Resurrection takes a turn on each Thanksgiving Saturday. Set your alarm early next opportunity to join this cause. It's a great and rewarding fun time together with your RLC family.

Welcome to the Table - St Paul's Kitchen

Ask anyone who has worked at a Community Breakfast or otherwise served from St Paul's kitchen, the response is sure to be "That kitchen needs an update!" Presently there is 1956 plumbing and the number of sinks and the ventilation fall short of meeting standards for a commercial kitchen. **Thank you** to all who have contributed to the future renovation of St. Paul's-Wichita kitchen to better prepare the Community Breakfasts serving our community's hungry people (and doing the dishes).

St. Paul Kitchen Renovation Dinner! All are invited to the Welcome to the Table Fundraiser Dinner on Thursday, April 19th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Tickets cost \$20 each and will be available at each of the Wichita area ELCA churches. Outback Steakhouse will be preparing the grilled chicken and steak meal and there will be salad and vegetables and dessert.

(Welcome to the Table – St Paul’s Kitchen continued)

The event will also include a silent auction, and **You Can Help!!** In addition to attending the dinner, consider donating items to support the auction and help raise a LOT of money for Welcome to the Table – the project to renovate St. Paul’s kitchen!

To date over \$60,000 has been received toward the \$200,000 goal. Here is your chance to help with this worthy community cause. Donations may be made payable to St. Paul’s Lutheran Church with “Kitchen” in the memo line, and sent to 925 N. Waco, Wichita, KS 67203.

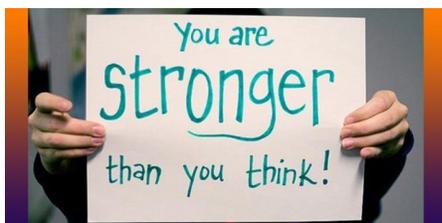


A Message from Pastor Sally Fahrenthold Thank You! Deep Heartfelt Thank You for your prayers, notes, and many ways of supporting me and my sister Mary in my illness. I am weak but doing okay, limited at home. I am not able to thank you each personally when you reach out with caring, but your notes bring you to mind like a visit that is uplifting. Surrounded by this great cloud of witnesses, signs that God is with us. A blessed time.

Peace! Pastor Sally

Pastor Sally has served Resurrection and Area 5 as well as the Wichita community many times and in many ways. Perhaps you would like to send a note of thanks, a prayer and a word of support.

Pastor Sally’s contact info: sallyf@cox.net
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CHURCH PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Hello Church Stewards! Welcome from the Property Committee. Thanks for your continued support for our Church Property.

As the Church grows and our building gets older, we are seeing more and more maintenance items that unexpectedly need our attention. We are very Blessed here at Resurrection for our faithful contributors, which allow us to take care of scheduled and unscheduled maintenance issues. Thank You One and All.

Church Spring Cleanup Day will be sometime in April and the more hands involved, the more that gets done quickly. Usually we plan on an 8 am to 12 pm workday. We need your help, so please plan on attending- (date to be announced).



Just so you are aware, there are numerous projects for the future that are currently being funded by your donations. A Church Flooring Project, an LED Sign Project and it has been requested that we look into additional handicap parking places. Our goal is to install a new storage shed out back (Northside) of the Church with your donations.

Fundraisers this year for the Property Committee are, February 11th -“Valentines Brunch“ and October 14th – “Oktoberfest”.

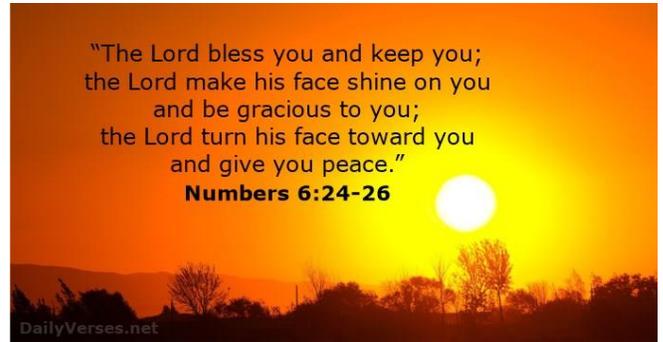
Thank You for your support- We look forward to seeing you at the next Property Meeting (every first Wednesday of the month) and we will see You at the Church Spring Cleanup Day.

———— Robert Nunn



Walter Dockter, age 94, passed away Saturday, November 25, 2017. He was born April 22, 1923 to John and Rosina Dockter of McLaughlin, SD. Walter grew up on a

farm and received his education in a country school. He worked on his father's farm until he was drafted into the Army. Walter served in the European Theater of Operation during WWII. After he was discharged, he returned home. Walter met Irene Putnam and this courtship grew. They were married and to this union, 3 children were born: Lyle, Neil, and Nyle. Walter followed his father's footsteps and became a carpenter. He retired after several years of carpentry work and moved to Haysville, KS with his wife. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife of 62 years, Irene; 4 brothers, Edwin, Gottlieb, Otto, and Adolph; and 2 sisters, Anna Dietrich and Frieda Bender. Walter is survived by his sons, Lyle and wife Bobbie, Neil, and Nyle and wife Debra; and 5 grandchildren, Keith, Tara, Ciera, Brett, and Sophia. The Funeral was on Saturday, December 2, 2017 at Resurrection Lutheran Church. Memorial contributions may be made to your local veteran and family support program.



"The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace."
Numbers 6:24-26

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The 7-Ups of Life

1. Wake Up!! Decide to have a good day.
"Today is the day the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalms 118:24
2. Dress Up!! The best way to dress up is to put on a smile. A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.
"The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at outward appearance; but the Lord looks at the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7
3. Shut Up!! Say nice things and learn to listen.
"Listen to advice and accept instruction, and in the end you will be wise." Proverbs 19:20
4. Stand Up!! For what you believe in. Stand for something or you will fall for anything.
"Let us not be weary in doing good; for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good..." Galatians 6:9-10
5. Look Up!! To the Lord. *"I can do everything through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13*
6. Reach Up!! For something higher.
"...keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God." Colossians 3:1
7. Lift Up!! Your Prayers.
"Do not worry about anything; instead PRAY ABOUT EVERYTHING." Philippians 4:6



WELL DONE
IS BETTER THAN
WELL SAID

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

Victoria LaRue Doll, Pike, Larsen



I was born July 2, 1954 at Wesley Hospital in Wichita and had a small amount of red hair. When Dad came in to see me he said to mom, ‘Who do you know that has red hair?’ Then in walked mom’s doctor with carrot red hair! (Dad does have red in his beard.) I am the 2nd child of six: Lon, Vicki, Candi, Randy, Jacki, & Justin, born to Leo & Ruby (Krause) Doll. I was baptized by Father Phillip U. Johnson on July 25, 1954 at St. Anthony Church in Wichita, KS. Dad was then a Catholic; Mom was Lutheran, her dad had been a Lutheran preacher. My Godmother was my dad’s mother-Mary C. Doll. By the time Candi was born, dad had become a Lutheran. We attended Bethany Lutheran Church in Wichita, KS where I was confirmed on June 9, 1968 by Pastor Lenard A Dale. Years later we transferred to Resurrection Lutheran Church and have been members ever since. I followed my mom’s footsteps and taught Sunday school all the years my children were young. I was a Council Member at RLC from 1986-1988. In 2013 I was secretary of the Property committee. Now I’m on Imaging and Scrapbooking. I sing alto in our church choir and was very excited when in 2016, John joined choir singing bass.

In kindergarten at Linwood School I was terrified. I remember lying on floor crying, scared and wanting to go home. The next year we moved to a 40 acre farm east of Clearwater. I attended first and second grades at Pleasant Valley School, a one room school-west of Peck, KS. Mrs. Mills taught all grades, K-8th. I loved having everyone all in the same room with just one other girl in my class. The first year the whole school had 6 children, the second year, 8 children. The last day of 2nd grade, parents played baseball with us and my very pregnant mom ran the bases. Pleasant Valley School was closed and I attended Clearwater schools for 3rd-12th grades.

Dad’s dream was to have his own farm and raise cows, pigs and chickens. To boot, we also had dogs, cats, ducks, geese and horses. I fed the animals, sat at night when the pigs would give birth, gathered eggs. I didn’t like causing pain to animals so I was a mess when mom would butcher chickens or dad would castrate cows or horses. My chores before the school bus came included breaking ice on the big cattle tank so they could drink. I had to clean my bedroom before any TV on Saturday. I was expected to cook a meal once a week which had to consist of a meat, potato, pasta or rice, salad and vegetable. Once in my senior year I forgot it was my turn to cook and I had a date. Mom said “You’d better hurry, you have to cook before you leave”. That was the fastest meal I ever made and I didn’t even stay to eat.

My maternal grandmother lived with us when she could no longer care for herself. She made the best raisin cream meringue pie I’ve ever eaten! I cared for her while my parents went to Lon’s ball games. We played Chinese Checkers. I was 12 years old when she died and I was devastated. While taking care of my grandma I decided I wanted to be a nurse when I grew up.

I played baseball as soon as I could and played until I graduated from high school. I have played 1st & 3rd base, shortstop and outfield. My father coached me and he was tough. It didn’t make any difference that the coach was my father! One time at short stop a ball bounced right in front of me, then over my head. As soon as that inning was over, dad said ‘You will give a 110% in everything you do, and if you don’t stop those balls, you’ll sit on the bench. ‘If you give 110% whether you win or lose, you’ve done your best, so you really did win’. I loved to play but was never as good as my brother Lon. Mom always kept score and taught me too.

** SPOTLIGHT **

After ball we would come home and have a 'Supper Breakfast' one of my favorite meals to this day: scrambled eggs, hash browns, bacon, biscuits and creamed peas!

My hard work ethic & discipline I learned from my parents. I worked right alongside my Dad and brother - moving cattle from pasture to pasture, helping dehorn, vaccinate and bale hay, usually in the heat of the day. After a day's work my dad came home and did the chores sometimes after dark. If a calf was to be born, he would check it several times during the night. For a winter birth, he would place the new born in our bathtub until it was dry and warm. Mom did everything that dad didn't: cooking, raising the kids, home care, paying and organizing the bills, care of the chickens and even mowing the lawn. Her work never stopped. One time I said "I'm tired of doing all these chores." She said "If you don't like it you can just leave and go elsewhere." So one day I put some clothes in a bandana, tied it to a stick and started walking. Mom came after me with the fly swatter and I got swatted several times. I said "You said I could leave!" She answered, "Don't you ever think of leaving again!" I was supposed be spanked one other time when playing with cousins, dad told us not to go into a deep mud hole, but we did. I saw how hard dad spanked the others, so I hid in my room for over an hour until he calmed down.

I was just 14 when I began working as a dishwasher at a small café in Haysville. Later I was a waitress at several cafés in Clearwater. My sister Candi joined me at the Steven's Café and we took turns getting the great tippers - usually 10 to 25 cents. I drove to school and my job in a family car and I still remember getting paid 75 cents an hour and then filling the family car up with gas for \$5. I had to buy tires for \$100 for that teal colored Impala. When dad sold that car, I told him I wanted my tires back, but I didn't get them

I worked in the Clearwater Nursing Home from 1972-1975. At this same time, I attended Sacred Heart College (presently Newman University) and St. Francis School of Nursing in Wichita, KS After graduation and passing the KS Nursing Board of Health exam in Topeka, KS, I was hired by St. Francis Hospital. My first job was a second shift charge nurse in the Obstetric/Gynecological ward.

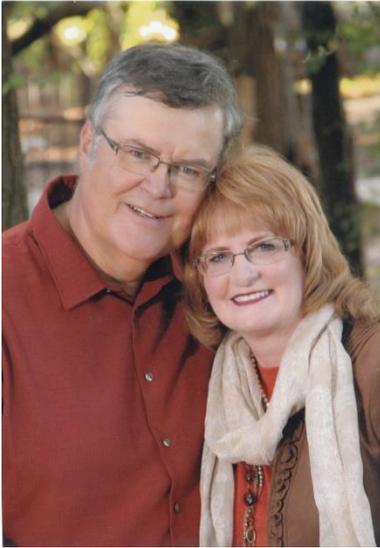
On Feb. 20, 1975 I married Mike Pike from my hometown of Clearwater. I met him while I was working at the Café. He worked at the Clearwater Coop filling station and those guys would come in for tea and coffee. I was extremely shy before I married Mike. He told me I could "choose to sit at the Shrine dances by myself, cry and not talk to anyone, or get out there, talk to people and be happy". I planned and learned to begin a conversation by always asking people the same three questions. It worked! LOL I like being happy!

On Jan. 13, 1977 our first child, Chadwick Allen, was born. When I was pregnant with Chad I was on the St. Francis Hospital Christmas TV show advertising the maternity ward. Returning to work, I transferred to the Maternity Ward working as a post-partum staff nurse which later included labor, delivery and nursery. I really enjoyed teaching the new mothers how to care for themselves and their babies. I soon was teaching other nurses what I had learned and experienced. While I was working the maternity ward, Nicole Adriann (5/10/80) and Derek Ashton (9/15/84) were born. Rose Standley from KAKE TV came to our unit planning to do a special about healthy pregnancy. She asked if there was anyone who was pregnant? Well, yes, I was pregnant with Nikki. Would I consent to being in the TV special report with the birth televised? When they promised me it would be G rated and I would receive a video of it, I agreed. It was a very good experience and professionally done. They captured Nikki's first cry so well on TV.

In 1989 I began work as the School Nurse in Clearwater. My children & I were all on the same time schedule and I had a 3 minute drive to work and school. At my hiring, there was a stigma about school nurses. I was told 'Don't be sitting in your car, reading love novels and smoking'. The middle school principal added

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the job of teaching 6th grade health plus being the health provider for 1049 students in grades K-12. I proceeded to inform the principal, “I give 110% in my job and I don’t read love novels nor have I ever smoked”. Soon I was given a walkie-talkie since I was covering 4 buildings. After a semester that principal came back, apologized and stated I no longer had to teach 6th grade health, that I had more than proved my worth. I convinced the school board to hire a 2nd nurse to care for 6-12th grades and I cared for Pre K-5th. I also gave out much needed hugs which were allowed back then.



In 1997 after I was divorced, my best friend, Donelle Frawley, introduced me to her ex-brother in law, John Larsen, who lived in MN. We met when I was in Minnesota preparing for our RLC youth group boundary waters trip. John was on vacation in Colorado. Donelle told him, ‘Get here now, she’s leaving in a couple days with the youth group’. John made it and we had a double date with Frawleys. JC told me that night I was nice, “but I don’t do long distance relationships”. I said that was ok. I went up to MN with Tim and Donelle for their family Christmas which John and his daughters always attended. We started dating after that and by May we were engaged. Thirteen months later we were married on June 19, 1999. I quit my school nurse job after 10 years and moved to Eden Prairie, MN to be John’s wife. There at St Andrew Lutheran Church I collected some really good recipes and still use those recipes today.

In 2006 we received the devastating news that my older brother, Lon, was diagnosed with colon cancer. That very day, we left to go see him as Lon & I were extremely close. While John and I were on our way to KS, I learned that my Mom had fallen in the hospital parking garage, lacerated her temporal artery and later had a stroke. Several weeks later I went back for a month to help care for my brother and mother. When I returned, even though John & I don’t remember discussing it, I knew that I needed to move back to KS to spend time with my brother before his passing. Lon lived 18 months before losing him on Sept 17, 2007.

In 2006-2009 I obtained a job as an Occupational charge nurse at Wichita Clinic. During this time John remained home working as the general contractor for our house we were building west of Clearwater. It took 9 months to build our country home. I would go to work during the day and come home in the evening to check to make sure there was no “wasted space” and that the house was very “user friendly”. Lol

From 2009 to 2012 I worked at Child Start as the nurse in charge of instructing pregnant mothers how best to care for their pregnancy, then breast feeding and medical needs of 0-3 year children. I loved this job. In 2012 my father kept calling me at work to request help and care for my mother who now had the starting phases of Alzheimer’s. I took a 3 month leave of absence to determine if I should quit my job to help with my mother. Two months into it my father had a stroke. Then I knew God was telling me I was most needed to help with my parents’ care. I cared for my mother for 3 years until John was diagnosed with Chronic Myelomonocystic Leukemia and Dementia. Now I needed to devote more time to John. I gradually limited my care time for mother and hired others for her care. My mother Ruby passed on Jan. 1 2016 at 8:05 AM with 4 of her children and husband at her bedside.

I have always loved being a wife and mother. I spend my time caring for and making awesome memories with my loving husband John and caring father Leo. I so enjoyed teaching the values of life: 3 R’s – Resourcefulness, Respect and Responsibility & watching the children grow up and marry: Chad to Maranda

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Gill, Nikki to Brian Christiansen and Derek to Tara Wyer. Now my love multiplies as ‘Grammee’ to our 10 amazing grandchildren, spending time with them or helping them make crafts.

John and I dreamed of taking trips and seeing all 50 states in our retirement. We purchased a 1990 5th Wheel Hitch Hiker RV on 10/29/14. I loved planning and preparing as much as I enjoyed the trip itself checking out nature spots we could visit, planning menus, picking up supplies, precooking some items. Last I carefully packed the RV. John loved that I did all this preparation and all he had to do was pack his clothes and bring some beer. LOL As the years went by, trips had to be planned around John’s chemotherapy treatments and we realize now we will never visit all 50 states. So we center in on making the most out of each and every trip we do take. John didn’t like the cramped feeling in the RV. In 2017 we traded in the 1990 Hitch Hiker and bought a 2003 Hitch Hiker that has slide outs making it less claustrophobic. Since John is no longer able to drive, now it is up to me. This is really sad as John *loved* to drive while I really don’t care for it. In 2017 the Dr. told us he needed to change John’s chemotherapy drug and advised taking our next RV trip soon. Due to the rushed plans, I asked my brother Justin along to help me drive. Happily, thankfully, Justin drove the narrow, curvy, beautiful Tennessee roads and it was a very enjoyable trip. Now the new Chemotherapy treatment is working better than had been expected and we are thinking about another trip come spring.

We are enjoying life as much as we can each and every day. Besides RV trips I enjoy working in the yard and gardens -love growing veggies and flowers, also scrapbooking, crafts, sewing, re-organizing the house, record keeping and continuing to find ways to make everything in our house/yard/RV more “user friendly”. I try to always have a smile on my face and remember as my mom taught me, “Something good comes out of everything!”. I love our amazing friends and I LOVE GOD!

John Larsen



John (JC) was born on Sunday, March 28, 1954 in Minneapolis, MN. He is the first born and only son of Phyllis Rae (McKinney). and John Lewis Larsen. John has 2 sisters, Laura (Larsen) Boulke and Ann (Larsen) Pitman.

Growing up, John attended Lake Harriet Christian Church. He was baptized on June 9, 1963. In 1958 the family moved to Bloomington, MN, his childhood home, where he attended Washburn Elementary, Penn Jr. High and Lincoln High School, which is a big school. He learned to love reading and especially enjoys adventure & western books. John joined Cub Scouts and went on to Boy Scouts into 11th grade. His love of nature grew camping with Scouts. He earned the Order of the Arrow award. Seventh & eighth grade summers were spent with Grandma Laura and Grandpa Charles ‘Mac’ McKinney in WY. They camped on the snowy mountain of Saratoga where Mac & Laura met. There was a trip into Rawlins for supplies: ‘white gas’ for their stove and a quart of ice cream. John remembers cutting the ice cream in thirds on a picnic table and eating it quickly before it melted. In 2015 John and Vicki returned to locate that ‘camping-with-grandparents’ spot, which brought back many fond memories. John got his first job at McGlynn’s bakery in March 1969 when a man at church hired him not realizing he was only 15 years old. He had to wait for his first pay check until his SS card arrived at the end of March when he turned 16. At the bakery JC worked washing pans. He wore high rubber boots and aprons and still was soaking wet before he finished.

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After John graduated from high school he fried donuts at McGlynn's Bakery on Friday nights while he attended the U of MN for almost 2 semesters. When he realized college wasn't for him, he quit school and started frying donuts full time a 6.5-hour day. Just short of a year, tired of this routine, and thinking of quitting, his boss came and said, "We're changing the way we function." He offered JC jobs of maintenance or driving truck. John chose to become a truck driver and was one of two drivers. The bakery grew, more stores were added, they expanded to 4 drivers. and soon he was driving all the way up to Duluth, MN. Eventually JC received a 4:30 AM call from his boss who asked him to run the new warehouse. As the company grew, adding more ingredients and stock, JC replaced two other managers. The inventory on any given day was over \$1 million and eventually grew to \$2 million. In 2004 JC left McGlynn when the company was bought out by another company.

John bought his first house at age 22 in Bloomington, MN. A friend, Tom Behnen lived with him for several years. They enjoyed riding their motorcycles and took several trips even to Montana and California. Tom has been a great friend who continues to call or e-mail annually on John's birthday.

JC has a group of great friends, known as 'the boys'. First, he met Al and Don Killian followed by Dan & Kathy Timmers then Rod Schwartz. Later Kurt Olsen, Joe Schmitz, Todd Bohnen and Jim Falling joined in. With all these friendships a lifelong enjoyment of fishing memories has evolved. Annual ice fishing trips began with 'the boys' going to Adrian's near the Canadian/Minnesota border. Eventually the 'Fly In' fishing trips were added and JC joined 2 different groups, one being 'the boys' and the other group consisted of 3 fishermen: Dan Olsen, Dan McGlynn (JC's boss) and JC. On these trips you are only allowed to bring 100#s of gear and food with you to fish on an island occupied solely by your group. Through the years, they have stayed, slept and cooked in a rustic cabin for a week while they fished. JC continued these annual fishing trips for about. 30 years and has loved it every time he went. If you want to see John light up, just mention fishing trips.

On Oct. 30, 1982 JC married Tammy Frawley and 2 daughters, Michelle Marie and Laura Ann were born. With his family, John attended St Andrew Lutheran in Eden Prairie, MN, a huge, over 5000 member church. In 1992 JC's 1st marriage ended. John and his two girls remained in the family home. While he was a single working parent, John's mom, Phyllis, a friend, Kathy Timmers and sister in law, Julie Frawley all helped in raising his 2 daughters.

It was in 1997 and John had traveled from MN to Colorado and KS for a vacation with his girls when he was introduced to Vicki, by Donelle Frawley his ex-sister-in-law, and a co-worker of Vicki's. On their first blind date, John told Vicki that she was a really nice girl but he didn't do long distance relationships. But shortly after returning home; in Sept. he started e-mailing Vicki. This continued until Dec. when Vicki and her children traveled to MN with the Frawley's. John and Vicki went out on two more dates while in MN and John changed his mind telling Vicki she was the "first normal girl he had dated in a while". From this moment on there were daily hour-long phone calls plus visits between MN and KS. In May John asked Vicki to marry him and 13 months later on June 19, 1999, they were married at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Haysville, KS. On that day, John gained 3 step-children-Chad Pike, Nikki (Pike) Christiansen and Derek Pike.

John and Vicki resided in Eden Prairie, MN for 8 years until Vicki's brother and best friend Lon was diagnosed with colon cancer. They moved back to Clearwater, KS in the fall of 2006 to be near Lon and Vicki's parents. While neither recalls discussing it a move back at this time it was necessary when Lon was sick and then passed in Aug. 2007. In 2007 Vicki continued to work while JC became the general contractor for the construction of their home west of Clearwater. In 2008, John hired on at Clearwater Co-op. He drove a

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propane truck, a job he dearly loved. JC also loved working at the Co-op with the great Co-op workers. -It was like a big family.

During this time, John and Vicki joined Resurrection Lutheran Church. He served on church council 6 years starting in 2009 for a 3 year term then again in 2012 for 3 more years and once was council president. He and Vicki served together on property committee and now he has joined the Imaging Team Scrap Bookers. JC also sings in church choir with Vicki where he has fun getting in trouble with the ‘guys in the back row’.

On 10/29/14 JC and Vicki found a 1990- 5th wheel Hitch Hiker RV & they started taking some camping trips. They have both enjoyed this tremendously. On an exam in 2014, John’s hemoglobin level dropped. Then with Dr. Page finding his very low White Blood Count, John was diagnosed with Chronic Myelomonocytic Leukemia and chemotherapy was started in 2015. Two months later Vicki noticed symptoms that were diagnosed as Dementia. Due to the increasing Dementia JC had to retire early on April fool’s day 2016. Also in 2016, John had to stop driving. something he loved doing. Even though Vicki didn’t care for driving, she learned how to drive the RV so they could continue their beloved camping trips. In 2015 they traveled to WY to locate the area where JC camped with his grandparents as a child. Vicki was glad she could experience this trip with John as it was such a delight to see him get excited about returning and finding that spot to relive those precious memories. In 2016 they were blessed to take another special RV trip to MN with camping friends, Tom & Anita Carlisle. There John met up with his “fishing friends” and together again, they enjoyed one last fishing trip.

Through these years Nikki, then Chad and Derek all married and have made John and Vicky so happy by presenting them with 10 grandchildren. JC enjoys them and it puts a big grin on his face when all the grandchildren run in and yell, “Papa John! Papa John!” All these kids and grandkids keep Papa John and Grandma Vicki busy going to all their sports, dance and music performances.

