



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

Peace and Blessings,

Happy New Year! I am excited to kick off 2019 with a number of things on our church calendar. We had a "Council Retreat" in the early part of January to plan out the year. I invite you to add to the calendar in the Fellowship Hall when new events are planned.



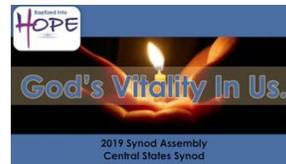
Please take a moment to see all the different ways that our congregation is spreading the love of Christ in our community.

I also invite you to consider getting involved with Family Promise of Greater Wichita. Currently, Resurrection is supporting Haysville Christian Church, and there are a number of ways that our congregation can be involved. From cooking for dinner, to helping with set-up and take-down, to even helping with laundry after the guests have been there for a week. Please stay tuned for another training opportunity later this year and think about giving a few hours of your time to this outreach ministry.

I am looking forward to all the ways our congregation works together for the Gospel in this new year.

Pr. Elizabeth Cummings

Mark Your Calendars



Central States Synod Assembly will be June 6-8 at the Marriott in Kansas City/ Overland Park at 10800 Metcalf Avenue, Overland Park, Kansas 66210. The Synod Assembly is the highest legislative authority of the synod. In addition to conducting the business of the synod, voting members and visitors gather for worship, presentations, and workshops designed to support the ministry we do together as a synod.

This year's agenda includes a full slate of elections including: Bishop, Synod Council Officers, Several Synod Council members, and multiple committee members. Information on the Bishop's election process, council and committee nominations are available on the synod website at: www.css-elca.org.

Our keynote speaker is Dr. Rich Melheim (www.richmelheim.com), Founder/CEO, RICH Learning Global, the RICH Learning International Foundation, the Preschool Incubators Project, Faith Inkubators, the Faith Inkubators Foundation, and curator of Cross+Gen Life.

While all active Rostered Ministers are required to attend, the voting membership is at least 60% lay persons. That 60% is sent from all congregations and worshipping communities across the synod. Visit the synod website to learn more about who may be a voting member, including the voting member waiver for congregations that are unable to adhere to the standard requirements.

Council Notes

by Robert Nunn, Council President



Left to Right: Gerald Yoachum, Ryan Marshall, Bill Sample, Bob Shick, Robert Nunn (president) Darrin Deutscher (vice president), Jeanette Westerhaus, Pastor Elizabeth Cummings, Barry Schroeder (secretary).

Hello Resurrection Congregation -

Goodness Sakes, another year has come and gone. Please welcome and give thanks to New Council Members: Darrin Deutscher, Bill Sample and Ryan Marshall for their commitment.

The Annual Council Retreat in January was focused on planning the new year. We plan on continuing with our community presence and working together to build Gods' Kingdom.

Resurrections' 60th Anniversary is being planned for May. Our Bishop Roger Gustafson will attend.

Two parades, we (as a Church) plan on participating in the Haysville Fourth of July Parade and the Haysville Fall Festival Parade. Everyone's help will be needed to show our Community Presence. - "Lift High The Cross".

There are numerous committee fundraisers throughout the year and your support and generosity help our youth attend many different events. "Thank You, -- We Are Blessed".

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.

Your Church Council welcomes your questions, comments or concerns. Please talk to or email a Council Member so they can be addressed.

Thanks Be To GOD

2018 Christmas Events



Worship



Nativity Display



Decorating



Cookie Exchange



Sunday School Christmas Program



Christmas Cantors



WELCA Christmas Brunch

Youth Quake

Feb. 1-3, 2019

The theme and programming for both Youth Quake and the 3rd-5th Grade Overnight was “Diverge” based on Romans 12:2 - Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect



*Back: Zoe Duetscher, Loretta Holmes, Aubrey Gill, Elizabeth Tjaden, Alli Clevenger, Kaylee Hampton
Front: Brynna Christiansen, Donovan Braun, Jordan Vogt
Missing: Natasha Braun, Brian Christiansen*

Brynna commented: “On Sat. night there was a party where they played ‘Just Dance’ videos and we got to dance.”

Zoe wrote, “During Youth Quake we learned that God loves you no matter what! My favorite part was the dance party or the food packaging.”

Elizabeth said, “During Youth Quake I ate lunch with a youth pastor. Also we had a campfire and sang songs. We also went swimming. And then I went home because I was sick.”

Donovan reported, “During the Quake we did ‘encounters’ like we are at war (we learned how to defeat Satan), when we wrote down our worries on a paper, crumpled it up, and had snowball fights. We also went swimming and we worked out.”

3rd - 5th Graders Overnight

February 8-9, 2019



*Left to Right: Allison Vogt, Brylie Christiansen, Haylee Marshall, Rachel Peirce, Azure Frickey
(Missing: Madi Clevenger, Adi Falconburg)*

Adi’s reaction to the Overnight: “I liked the pool even though I got ducked under water. I ate too many sweets and got sick as well. I also got home sick.”

Trisha Clevenger, overnight leader, noted: “The girls loved doing facials before they went to sleep.”

Haysville Community Thanksgiving Service

As in past years, the Haysville Ministerial Association arranged for a Community Thanksgiving Worship Service. This year Christian Chapel Foursquare Church was the host church. Resurrection's choir, shown here, sang during the service as people from Haysville congregations worshiped together. Following the service, the ladies of Christian Chapel provided homemade cookies for fellowship time.



FAITH Night

For the past ten years, most every third Wednesday during September through April, FAITH Night has been meeting. Hmmmm, let's see, that would be about 80 FAITH Night meetings, but who's counting? Well, if your name is Pam Porsch, Hope Tjaden, or Loretta Holmes or you are addressed as 'Pastor', you might be counting those meetings. These folks arrange for dinner (supplied by parents), prepare and present the Bible lesson, lead songs, games, and a closing worship time.



Trace Tjaden, Derick Marshall and William Casteel competing in a hot dog eating contest at the October FAITH night.

Currently the Bible studies are based on a 3-year cycle of lessons focused on books of the Bible in *chronological* order. During mid-week Lenten services the faithful FAITH Night kids supply all the worship assistants, serving as acolyte, crucifer, usher, sacristan or lector.

After each meeting, all these activities, it's home to bed with FAITH based music, thoughts of Biblical history, lessons from Bible heroes and prophets, teachings of Jesus and FUN times with church friends all swirling in the heads of our precious 3rd through 12th grade kids. Please thank the adult leaders who make this vital activity possible!

Baptism of Our Lord Sunday

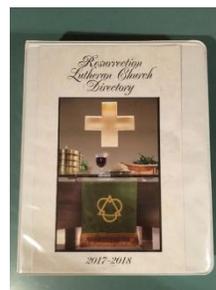
On January 13th, to celebrate Baptism Of Our Lord Sunday, Resurrection members shared and displayed family baptismal items.



This 1913 baptismal certificate (left) is written in German.

Resurrection Church Directory

Imaging Committee



Our most recent church directory was at last made available to the congregation in December. We hope this directory is a helpful communication tool keeping our folks in contact with each other. Thank you to Pastor Elizabeth, our office administrator,

Vicky Tully, and photographer, Shelby Robinson for their help and patience in this project. If you have not yet received your newest directory, it is waiting in the church office.



Chili Cook-Off & Dessert Auction

“Eighth Annual Chili Cook-Off & Dessert Auction” exclaimed Pam Porsch as she opened the fun festivities on January 26th. Families and friends look forward to this fun, food-filled event to benefit our hard-working youth who attend camp and gatherings. This year the chili-dessert event raised \$836.

It was a busy, tasty evening as 70 people gathered to try 13 chili’s served by ten of RLC’s youth in sample size dishes. An important paper was supplied to record the tasting impressions.



Then it was time to vote your favorite chili, fill a bowl, add supplied fixin’s, and enjoy! Next Kris Atcheson took over as auctioneer to lead bidding on 35 delicious, donated, homemade desserts.



Often bidding for the desserts was brisk.



Finally, the winners of the Chili Cook-Off were announced: Jen Knaak won first prize and wore the ‘Chili Champion Hat’ while Shari Jordan & Kris Atcheson, (both previous winners) shared second place.



2019 Church Council

On Sunday, December 13th, the duly elected 2019 Resurrection Church Council members were installed.



‘My Very Own First Bible!’

As their parents feel their 1st -3rd grade child is ready to receive their first Bible, they are enrolled in a 4 session First Bible Class taught by Pastor Elizabeth to learn Bible basics. Parents purchase an age appropriate Bible which is presented to their child during a worship service. Children are encouraged to ask friends and family to underline, highlight and initial their favorite verses to personalize this ‘very own First Bible!’



Makena & Amy Hampton,
Darrin, Deanna & Adam Deutscher



Josh, Kristi, Kim & Azure Frickey,
Jan Albertin, Aeris McIntire

Camp Tomah Shinga

This summer, for the first time, Camp Tomah Shinga will have a “High School Service Week” from July 21-26 as one of the summer camp options. Campers and Tomah Shinga Counselors will stay at Hollis' retreat center during the nights and spend the days at different service opportunities across Kansas City.



Online enrollment is now available for youth planning to attend summer Camp Tomah Shinga sessions in June and July. Go to www.tomahshinga.com/summercamp. The rate shown is \$405 but if you enroll before April 1st there is a \$50 deduction and if more than one child from a family attends (not necessarily in the same week) there is another \$20 deduction for each child. WELCA is offering a \$200 scholarship for each child attending. If the cost is prohibitive for your family, please, see Evelyn Clark. Early enrollment is essential. In 2018, 14 youth were able to attend camp; let's increase that number in 2019!

Let's Go Camping!



On January 13th, Jacob Spilker, co-director of Camp Tomah Shinga visited Resurrection. On this cold Sunday he spoke, sang, and encouraged us to plan for summer camp. He told us of summer camp opportunities, and several new facilities that have been built. He explained a \$50 discount for camp registrations before April 1st. Evelyn Clark, representing WELCA announced camping scholarships and thanked our congregation for supporting WELCA fund raisers which provide these scholarships.

Happy Birthday! RLC Is (nearly) 60 Years Old!

By Evelyn Clark

On Sunday, May 5, 2019, the congregation will celebrate its 60th anniversary with a special worship service and noon luncheon. Central States Synod Bishop, Gustafson will be present. **Mark the date on your calendars and plan to attend this special event.**



Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haysville, Kansas was formally established on Sunday, May 3, 1959, in an organizational service officiated by the Reverend Doctor Reno R Frobenius, President of the Evangelical Synod of the Central States of the United Lutheran Church in America. The order for the Organization was conducted at 11:00 a.m. in the House Chapel at 134 South German in Haysville.

The first congregational meeting was held that same evening at 7:00 p.m. in the House Chapel with twenty-eight members of the congregation present. The congregation adopted Articles of Incorporation, a Constitution and By-laws, elected nine deacons to serve as the church council, and issued a call to Reverend Leo R Nielsen, the Mission Developer of the congregation, to serve as its first pastor. Dr Frobenius represented the Synod at the meeting. Pastor Nielsen accepted the call and presided over the remainder of the meeting. The congregation was officially incorporated by the State of Kansas on May 21, 1959, as a legal not-for-profit corporation under the laws of the State.

Called pastors have included the following: Leo R Nielsen, Paul L Rowaldt, C Arthur Freeberg, Jonathan Jensen, Daniel Swenson, C. Timothy Leaf, and Elizabeth Cutler Cummings. Pastor Alfred Lindberg served as our supply pastor from 1989-1996.

The first church council in 1959-1960 included the following: Arthur Bissell, Thomas Gregory, C Dwain Schmidt, Virgil Schmidt, George Dhority, Ted Moody, George Swanson, Harold Smith, Herbert Bauer, Jimlee Kemper, Wayne E Clark, Donald Beason and James A Brown.

Family Promise

By Jen Knaak



Kristina Crawford, Family Promise coordinator at Haysville Christian Church, spoke at our church to introduce us to this organization and their program.

Family Promise is an organization that helps homeless families achieve sustainable independence through a community based response. The program works through host churches that open their churches in the evenings for a week at a time and provide an evening meal and fellowship with the guests in the program. Guests spend the night in that church and are then transported back to the day house where they are given numerous supports, services, life skills and guidance to help them regain their independence. Guests in the program have all been background checked and have many standards and expectations that they must adhere to if they wish to be in the program. Another important aspect of the program is that the day house allows children in the program to have a permanent address and have a regular bus stop right at the day house.

During 2018 Resurrection Lutheran Church (RLC) began serving as a support congregation for Haysville Christian Church (HCC) when they have their host weeks. Congregations serve as a host church to guests in the program 4 times per year. We currently have 10 individuals within our congregation trained and serving in this ministry.

Our goal in supporting HCC is to fill all volunteer slots on two days during HCC's host week to help reduce some of the stress on the host congregation. This has been a great opportunity for us to become involved in the program. On host weeks we have been assisting by purchasing food for meals, preparing meals and having fellowship time with guests in the evening. This is a very easy way to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ and we are looking to add more volunteers from our congregation.

Before you will be able to volunteer you must complete a simple one-hour volunteer training. We have a training scheduled for May 4th at 11 a.m. at RLC but there are several other options if you want to get trained before this. There are also some other opportunities to support this ministry such as washing bedding in preparation for host week, setting up guest's rooms and cooking that we need volunteers for and these tasks can be done without going through the training. If you have interest in serving or would like a comprehensive list of all trainings, please contact Jennifer Knaak RLC Family Promise Coordinator 316-680-9199, knaak2005@icloud.com)

We are currently preparing for our next host week with HCC which will run the week of February 24th through March 2nd and all volunteer spots are filled. Our following host week with HCC is not until the week of May 19th and we will begin filling volunteer slots 4-5weeks prior.



Announcing A Girl's Lock-In

by Carlie Schill

We are having a girl's lock-in here at the church. This will be for middle school and high school girls. We will plan to have it on April 27th. It will go from 5:00 pm Saturday to church the next morning. We are planning many fun activities, including a Bible study and cookie baking for Sunday fellowship. Stay tuned for further details.

Partners for Wichita Sweet Peace

Last October, *Partners for Wichita* sponsored ‘Sweet Peace’ a fund raising evening of eating yummy sweet treats and learning about the several and varied partner groups and their missions and activities in *Partners for Wichita*.



Sweet Peace Group: Back: Bill & Vickie Sample, Barry Schroeder, Bob & Barb Schik, Evelyn Clark. Front: Rory Cummings, John & Vicki Larsen, Clark Sholts, Rebecca McKusker

Partners for Wichita Trivia Night

By Rory Cummings

Partners for Wichita sponsored their 9th annual fund raiser, Trivia Night on Feb. 16th. There were 22 teams of 8 people each competing in the friendly competition. Our Resurrection team’s final score was around 68, which was the average for the night, so we were in the middle of the pack. In addition to the Trivia games, there were beautiful baskets contributed for a silent auction. Resurrection did contribute a basket, “Treat yourself” which had items for a relaxing bath (candle, lotions, bath salts, etc.)



RLC Trivia Team: MyKenzie, Kylie, & Rebecca McKusker, Gerald Yoachum, Brad Parker, Evelyn Clark, Jen & Chris Knaak, Missing: Rory Cummings.

Partners for Wichita was founded by Pastors Dave Fulton and Sally Fahrenthold. The organization pursues peace and well-being in Wichita and beyond through partnerships, by connecting individuals, faith communities and community organizations. They offer some programs directly, plus helping congregations and organizations discover, communicate, and connect in opportunities to serve and to strengthen one another in community service.

Two *Partners for Wichita* programs that RLC supports are:

Filling the Gap - We help with nutritious meals for children and youth who may be at risk of hunger during school breaks.

Bags of Blessings - In this community-wide collection of personal care items, people all over the area join together to meet neighbors' needs for personal care items.

Other *Partners for Wichita* programs include: *Safe Streets Wichita*, *Wichita Food Share*, ICTeens, Ubuntu Village

Ministry Strategy Meeting

On Thursday, February 21st, Reformation Lutheran hosted a meeting to introduce the concept of ‘Ministry Strategy’. Members from seven Wichita area congregations attended. The Reverend Donna Simon, Director for Evangelical Mission from the Central States Synod led the meeting. She told how ten St Louis congregations worked with the Ministry Strategy concept to develop a transitional area strategy, addressing the thought, ‘What can we do together which would work better than doing it alone?’ The St Louis group explored sharing programs to reach out to the wider community, bringing the message of hope and God’s grace. Now Pastor Donna Simon and the CSS Evangelical Mission have chosen the Wichita area ELCA churches to develop our own Ministry Strategy. A team of eight volunteers, including Clark Sholts from our church, agreed to meet for the developmental phase of this program in our Wichita area churches.

We Love Our Hard Working Youth

Resurrection's youth are a hard-working group. With the oversight of Pastor Elizabeth and the direction of Pam Porsch and Borzetta Holmes, our youth sponsor and work at popular fund-raising events through each year. These projects raise funds to help our youth attend Bible camps and conventions.



Birthday Bingo, everyone wins GREAT prizes!



Making Big rocks

National Youth Gathering, Houston



RLC's youth are very active in leading and serving during worship.



Serving Ash Wednesday Soup Supper

Parades

Twice each year, Resurrection folk have the opportunity to participate in Haysville parades. There is a July 4th parade and in the fall, a parade is held in conjunction with Haysville's Fall Festival. Choose to have great fun with RLC folks riding on the church float or walking along side. Come early to help with final float decorating, and it's a hoot to toss candy to the kids along the way, thanks to our generous congregation's donations. Come, join the fun! Help make Resurrection's presence, God's presence better known in Haysville!



Church Property Committee

Robert Nunn, Chairman



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

There are numerous projects for the future that are currently being funded by your donations. First on the list and coming up this spring will be a New Storage Shed funded through the Property Fundraising Events. - The Goal has been met - Thank You, - "Sow and You Shall Reap". We plan on a "Keep It or Pitch It" Day for all committees that currently have items in the old shed. We plan on a large dumpster for "Pitch It" and this will be a spring cleaning event for other items within the Church. The old shed will be torn down and pitched unless someone in the Congregation has a need for it. If you do - it will have to be a prompt removal after cleanout. (see property committee member).

Two other projects that continue to be funded are the Flooring Fund (Fellowship Hall & Bathroom Hall/ Kitchen Area) and the LED Sign Fund. Future Flooring Fund projects after this one is complete will be The Narthax and Sanctuary areas.

Another item that will sneak up on us will be the Parking Lot Bulb replacements. Our current bulbs have a life span of 4 to 5 years. We have been Blessed with no issues but are running on borrowed time. Property Committee is looking into LED replacement bulbs. Up front expenses are high but we should see a 70 to 80% reduction in our current \$100 a month electric parking lot bill. The LED bulbs have a 5 year replacement guarantee and a 10 year life span.

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". Fundraisers this year for the Property Committee are February 10th - "Valentines Brunch" and October 13th - "Oktoberfest".

Thank You for your Support-- We look forward to seeing you at the next Property Meeting (every first Wednesday of the Month). Please come and join your Property Committee.

WE Have Work For You To Do!

Live the Faith! Lift High The Cross!

Confirmation of Baptism

October 27, 2018

Emma Atcheson



Ellie Bock



Pastor blesses confirmands, their parents and prayer buddies.





Valentine Brunch



Resurrection likes to eat! Property Team combined that fact with the several to many maintenance needs for our building and hosted a Valentine Brunch. The food was delicious, and the attendance was good. This fund raiser helped purchase our new, larger storage shed. Soon you will be able to help sort and organize 'stuff' now stored to prepare for the old to new moving day. The Property Team thanks you for your support!



Barry Schroeder, Heather & Pam Porsch,
Lisa & Kris Atcheson



Roza Atcheson, Jayci, Holly & Trey Gonzales



Rae Ann & Ron Evans, Donelle Frawley



Schill Family: Carlie, Sarah, Dirk, Avery, Landon



Front: Evelyn Cherry, Naomi Adams,
Back: Christa & Bruce Cloyd, Betty Batten, Vickie Sample



Bob Shick



Bert Kirkpatrick, Marty Gould

New Member Reception

On November 18, 2018, Resurrection received the Parker family as members. Help us make Brad, Jeana, Noah, Gabe and Norice feel welcome into our church family.



ELCA Women's Convention

Reserve the date: August 16-18, 2019 for the 32nd Annual Synodical Convention of the Central States Synod Women of the ELCA. This year Ark River Valley Cluster will host the convention here in Wichita. It will be held at the Holiday Inn on Kellogg and Rock Rd. Our area is responsible for the local events, worship and music, in-kind-gifts and programming. The initial planning has begun. Women in this cluster are encouraged and welcome to assist in making this a memorable event and to meet and welcome women from all around our Synod



Contact Loretta Holmes, lolmes8@sbcglobal.net or Elaine Harvey, Elaine.Harvey@wichita.edu for information on how you can help in planning this convention. Perhaps you prefer to help out during the actual convention? Contact Evelyn Clark, wclark41@cox.net or Loretta Holmes to see what the volunteer needs are.

Convention information will soon be posted on the Central States Synod Women of the ELCA web site at www.css-elca.org/welca-convention

Veterans Day Recognition

Congregation members were invited to take a toy soldier with them to help remember to pray for our service men and women.



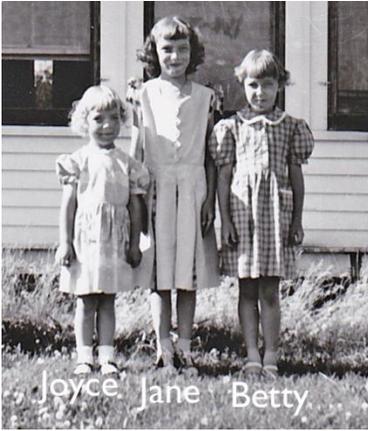
Remembering Pastor Sally Fahrenthold



Area Ministry 5 joins with those all around our community and Synod and beyond who remember and give thanks for the Rev. Sally Curtiss Fahrenthold who died at home, November 21st. Born June 23, 1937, she was a graduate of Smith College, received her M.Div. at Saint Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, and studied at Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, MN. While she worked at Metro Lutheran Ministry in Kansas City she initiated community services such as emergency assistance and advocacy, Harvesters-The Community Food Network, Warmth and Light Coalition, and Kansas City Community Gardens. Sally advocated and helped launch services for people with disabilities such as Johnson County Developmental Supports, and Community Living Opportunities. In Wichita she was active in Wichita's Inter-Faith Ministries, C.R.O.P. Hunger Walk and The Greater Wichita Ministerial League. She helped form Partners for Wichita, including the "Filling the Gap Lunches for Kids" meals program. Sally received the Kansas City Spirit Award in 1984 and her honors also include recognition by Wichita Church Women United and League of Women Voters Wichita-Metro. She had a passion for those who are poor, disabled, or suffering injustice, as well as appreciation for working together with people of many faiths, races, and backgrounds. Sally served as Associate Pastor of Atonement Lutheran Church, Overland Park, KS and as Pastor of Christ Lutheran Church, Wichita, KS. She served as interim or temporary pastor at Reformation Lutheran Church and St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Wichita, and she was editor of the Area Ministry 5 Messenger for a number of years and circulation manager for the last 5 years. She liked to bring together many gifts and experiences of people in worship and service. The Wichita Eagle published an article on her work for social justice on November 24th.

www.kansas.com/latest-news/article222092670.html

** SPOTLIGHT **



Betty Batten

I was born June 4, 1944 in Wayne, Nebraska (God's country) to German, Lutheran parents. I had an awesome childhood--raised on a farm among four sisters and one brother. Both of my parents spoke German as children and as adults when they didn't want us to know something they were discussing.

We spent a lot of time outdoors inventing our own pastimes. We made mud pies with eggs from the hen house and "sold" mud pies and "coffee" at a restaurant we set up in the grove. We borrowed dad's tools when we needed them for making hangers for our doll clothes which we dressed our cats in when walking them (or running them--before they jumped out) down the lane in our doll buggy.

We designed our amusement park by sweeping an area for play equipment which we devised ourselves--a grease barrel ("rolla-rolla") that we walked on by balancing, for example. We also "walked the fence", by balancing on the top 2 X 4 board of the cattle pens. We swept the pig pen to roller skate. We made it through childhood by God's grace and good balance--all 6 of us.

My chores were washing the eggs that we sold in Wayne (egg money paid for piano lessons that we took in the 7th and 8th grades after our catechism classes on Saturdays at 1:00 p.m.). I also had to wash the separator and set the table for meals as well as making supper while Mother milked cows. Dad didn't really let us help with farm work, so after 5 girls, they were ready for a boy.

I attended a one-room school in the same section our farm was in. We walked 1/2 mile, uphill, both ways! Other activities were 4-H (sewing and baking), Sunday school, junior choir and later, Luther League and senior choir. After high school, we all attended Wayne State because it was close and we could live at home. All the girls became teachers and my brother, a veterinarian.

Brent and I met while attending Emporia State where I was employed at the lab school. After living a couple of years in Wichita, we moved to Clearwater and still live in our first home. I taught math and worked in libraries--first in Cozad, NE and ended my career in an academic library at Friends University in 2009. In the mean time we were blessed with two sons--Ty (45) and Mark (34).

I feel fortunate to have parents who valued and nurtured our faith in God, sacrificed for our education and surrounded us with good things. Presently my goals and dreams include finishing 3 more quilts, now in different stages and organizing photos would be nice.

Lately, next to my computer is this prayer that I love and use every day (copyright information unknown):

Dear Lord, I want to grow in you and have more of you in my life. I pray that you will strengthen me in using me and my talents to glorify you. I thank you for loving me and forgiving my sins each day, every day. I pray you will reveal yourself in my life. Give me your wisdom as to what I should do in every situation and strengthen my obedience in what you ask of me. Show me the right path to travel and correct my ways if I stray. Show me ways to show and spread your love to those around me. Clear my mind to receive crystal clear clarity when you speak. Help align my heart and mind in their purest form to be an imitation of you. Thank you for answering all my prayers in your perfect timing with your perfect answer, even though I may not always understand. In your name I pray. Amen



