



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 Siblings in Christ;

Grace, mercy and peace to you in this time of Advent preparation for the coming of the Christ child. I pray that you are finding joy in this season amidst the challenges that the pandemic has brought upon us.

As we look toward the future and the New Year, please know that the church continues to proclaim the Good News of Christ and offer the sacraments.

We just completed a successful congregational meeting and I thank those who attended in person and those who were able to join virtually. We were able to conduct the important business of the church by being flexible and adaptable.

While I enjoyed putting together the virtual services, it is wonderful to be able to see your shining faces while leading the Sunday morning worship service. And I give thanks that we are still able to offer virtual options.

Coming up on December 21, what is known as the longest night, there will be a Blue Christmas service offered online. This service is aimed at those who are not feeling the Joy of the Season. And those who are missing loved ones who have joined the church triumphant and are no longer here to celebrate with us. I hope you will join me virtually for this service and invite others to view it as well.

I pray that the holidays are a time for you to rest, relax, and be reminded of the blessings that we have in our lives. Christmas Eve services will be offered at 5:30pm and 11:00pm both in person and live streamed on the church Facebook page.

May you find joy in the season and blessings in the New Year! Thank you to all who have helped make weekly worship possible both virtually and physically.

Peace and Blessings,
Pr. Elizabeth A. Cummings

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT



Left to Right: Rebecca McKusker, Ryan Marshall, Robert Nunn (vice president), Darrin Deutscher (president), Jeanette Westerhaus, Bill Sample, Lisa Atcheson (secretary), Pastor Elizabeth Cummings. Not pictured: Gerald Yoachum.

Grace and peace to you from our Lord and Savior.

This year has been challenging for our council and our congregation. The continued support from not only the committees but you as a congregation, have helped us in making the difficult and sometimes unpleasant decisions that have been necessary during this time.

With the pandemic in mind, we, as a council, made the decision to suspend in service worship early on in the year. We believed it would be a short hiatus, but we soon found out that we were, shall we say, a little over optimistic in that thought process.

We began an online service during the shutdown and we continue to provide this service to our members who are not able to attend in person at this time. This service will continue and

we are currently looking at camera technology that will enhance this option in the future.

The council quickly put together a Covid team that met regularly to discuss our future plans and how to safely return to in service worship. This committee was led by Jeannette Westerhaus. With her leadership, we were able to implement safety procedures, (6 foot separation of seating, temperature checks, masks, ETC...) that allowed us to again meet in person.

Your council worked on several other items that were in need of some updates. The Child protection policy was finished and implemented, document storage was undertaken and is well on the way to having all important data backed up to hard drives and distributed in locations away from the church property to ensure they would not be lost in an accident, and setting the 2021 budget are just a few of the items that the council worked diligently on this year.

Meeting the needs of the congregation during this pandemic, created a challenge for council, as we were not able to meet in person. I for one, had to quickly become more tech savvy than ever before. With the help of Pastor Elizabeth and others, we were all able to master Zoom calls, and other mobile software.

Thank you to Jeanette Westerhaus and Gerald Yoachum for serving on church council. We welcome Shari Jordan and Donelle Frawley who have been elected for three year terms.

Thank you to all the council members who served this year, and thank you to the congregation. Without your love and support we would not have Resurrection Lutheran Church to call home.

Wishing you a safe and happy Christmas.

Council President
Darrin Deutscher

Advent Activities

Advent is a preparation time and Resurrection is getting ready to celebrate Christmas, the birth of our Savior. Resurrection is decorated for the Christmas season. Nativities of all sizes and shapes were shared and displayed.



The 'Giving Tree' appeared briefly in the narthex appealing to people to take a tag listing the age of a boy or girl and then give an appropriate gift. These gifts will provide a happy Christmas for children in need. There was a generous response of gifts given for this Haysville Community Outreach program.



** WORSHIP **

Return to In Person Worship

August 23, 2020

It's sure good to see some of our church family at in person worship. There are several COVID-19 virus accommodations in place so that in person worship can take place safely. When you attend worship, expect your temperature to be checked as you enter, face masks are in use with some available should you forget to bring yours. You'll see that ushers have been replaced by a self-serve table with bulletins, hand sanitizer and an offering plate. Notice that groupings of our sanctuary chairs are spread far and wide, 6 feet apart at least. There is no fellowship following worship and we are encouraged not to linger and visit in the narthex. Yet, it is with joy that we do gather to praise and worship our Lord and Savior together. Thanks to Pastor Elizabeth, church council and the Covid Sub-Committee for arranging safe, in-person worship.



All Saints Day

November 11, 2020

By Vickie Sample

Each year our Resurrection family observes All Saints Day by lighting a candle for each loved one who has joined the church triumphant. A table is set for members to display photos of their loved ones. This is a special time that is shared with all - a time that is devoted to our loved ones - a time to remember our loved ones and to share their life with others. A time to Praise Our Lord and give Him thanks for their lives.



Teachers and Administrators Appreciation

This year Haysville Ministerial Association's annual appreciation luncheon for principals of USD 261 was replaced with a plan to provide gift baskets containing individually wrapped snacks. Resurrection, with many others responded. Altogether, 1488 items were received! Thanks to many generous folks.

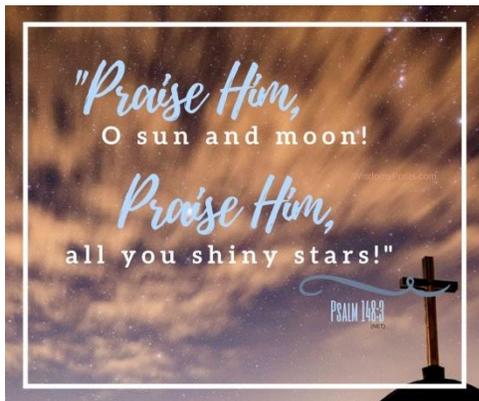


** INVITE **

Camp Tomah Shinga

Camp Schedule for 2021 We are ECSTATIC to announce that camp will be happening this coming summer, 2021! We are just as excited to have your campers in the cabins and on the trails as they are to be here, and that's why we have worked diligently to plan a summer that has safety as the top priority, without sacrificing any of the fun. This is why you will notice that our schedule looks a little bit different. Our weeks will be operating at half capacity, so that we can keep your campers spread out and safe, but we will be implementing a new model of camping where each week will have two sessions! This is to ensure that every single camper will have an opportunity for the camp experience. While camp will last three days instead of six this year, fear not, each camper will still get to partake in all of their favorite camp activities while they build new relationships and continue to grow in their faith.

<small>*register according to grade completed</small>	Explorers 1st - 3rd	Pathfinders 4th - 6th	Trailblazers 7th - 8th	Pioneers 9th - 12th		Explorers 1st - 3rd	Pathfinders 4th - 6th	Trailblazers 7th - 8th	Pioneers 9th - 12th
June 6-8 Week 1 Session 1		4th - 6th \$265		9th - 12th \$265	June 9-11 Week 1 Session 2	1st - 3rd \$265		7th - 8th \$265	
June 13-15 Week 2 Session 1	1st - 3rd \$265		7th - 8th \$265		June 16-18 Week 2 Session 2		4th - 6th \$265		
June 20-22 Week 3 Session 1	1st - 3rd \$265	4th - 6th \$265			June 23-25 Week 3 Session 2		4th - 6th \$265	7th - 8th \$265	
June 27-29 Week 4 Session 1		4th - 6th \$265	7th - 8th \$265		June 30-July 2 Week 4 Session 2	1st - 3rd \$265	Family Camp (\$300 per fam)		
July 4-6 Week 4 Session 2					July 7-9 Week 5 Session 2		Family Camp (\$300 per fam)	7th - 8th \$265	
July 11-13 Week 6 Session 1			7th - 8th \$265	9th - 12th \$265	July 14-16 Week 6 Session 2		4th - 6th \$265		9th - 12th \$265



News from WELCA (Women of the ELCA)

2021 Central States Synod Women of the ELCA Convention will be Sept. 10-12, 2021

It will be held at the Courtyard Marriott Hotel, 400 North Mulberry, Kansas City, MO. Registration costs will be same as in past. Meal, lodging costs not yet determined. Anna Prockish is registrar. Information packets will be mailed April 30. The theme verse is Psalm 51:15, the theme is "My Story, Your Story, Our Story." *Save the dates!*

Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering

The gathering originally to be held in Phoenix, Arizona is rescheduled for August 5-8, 2021 and registration is now open. For information go to



WOMEN OF THE ELCA GATHERING
AUGUST 5-8, 2021 | PHOENIX
WELCATG.ORG

<http://www.womenoftheelca.org/new-triennial-event-page>

Tomah Shinga Says Thanks!

Wave if you're thankful for everyone who took part in our Giving Tuesday celebration. Together we raised \$2,660! 2020 was a year of Growth for Camp Tomah Shinga. Although the summer was very different with innovations such as "Virtual Camp" with daily YouTube videos a lot was done to improve the physical facilities. One of many additions that 2020 brought was these new cabins that will find their home at "The Grove" and will host our middle school campers in the summer.

Other additions to camp included a Sand Volleyball pit, Ham-mock Village, a new canoe rack, a greenhouse, new trails, turf in the gaga pit, renovation of the Chapel of the Butterfly and new signs to help navigate camp.

Ice Cream Social

Our Resurrection Family has missed seeing and being with each other due to Covid 19 restrictions. On August 22, Resurrection folks brought lawn chairs to enjoy ice cream and were happy to visit together, even six feet distant. The evening weather was pleasant as was the lack of mosquitoes! It was a fun and tasty time.



A SURPRISE

Sunday September 27th

With a surprise gathering our Resurrection congregation held a Farewell & Godspeed Celebration for Trace Tjaden who is joining the Marine Corps. He left for boot camp in San Diego on Oct 5th. The ceremony was held near the church monument following worship with Trace's family, the congregation and special guests from the American Legion Riders attending.



Thanksgiving, 2020

This time of year brings thanksgiving to the fore front. The results of a small poll reveal what Resurrection folks are most thankful for during this unique time. **God is Good! We are blessed!**



Family, church and friends were the top three items on our RLC thankful list.

In descending order, other things mentioned to be thankful for include: good health, being a cancer survivor, faith, freedom to worship, home, food, employment & clients, having a good retirement, Christ, children & grandchildren, my life, God's creation, nature, diet Dr. Pepper, coffee

I can no other answer make but thanks, and thanks; and ever thanks.

- William Shakespeare

Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.

Ephesians 6:11

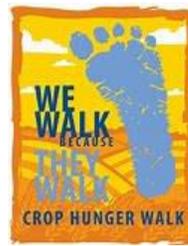
Breakfast Served at St. Paul Lutheran

November 27th & 28th

For several years, Resurrection has supplied breakfast for Wichita homeless on the weekend following Thanksgiving. This year with Covid-19 restrictions the plan had to be altered to safely provide a healthy meal. A willing group gathered at RLC on Friday evening to prepare ingredients and assemble breakfast burritos. Next, at 7:00 AM on Saturday, RLC volunteers met at St Paul's to assemble breakfast bags adding fruit and juice to be handed out. In addition to the breakfast, warm clothing items were offered as well as bus tokens. Even with virus safety restrictions in place, this activity once again proved to be a rewarding experience for both RLC providers and homeless recipients.



CROP Hunger Walk



The Wichita CROP Hunger Walk was held on Sunday October 4th at Sedgwick County Park. This year teams had the option of walking at Sedgwick County Park or doing a virtual walk. Resurrection's team chose to walk at the park and also transported peanut butter which Resurrection members donated for this cause. The Hunger Walk is an important time to take steps against hunger, here and abroad.



Haysville Community Outreach

Thank you, Resurrection family! During the month of October, we collected **300 soups** to help fill the Haysville Community Outreach Food Pantry. Other churches in our area brought different staple items to help out. It was a friendly competition among the churches to see who brought the most items. All in all, the food pantry was restocked!



Service of Lament



As we continue to struggle with the impact the pandemic is having on our lives and congregations, our Central States Synod is asking everyone to pause and offer prayers of lament and memorial for those lives lost. Leaders from across the synod recently collaborated to bring a Service of Lament to the congregations of the Central States Synod through a video worship service. The service became available ahead of Sunday September 6 and is posted at www.css-elca.org/worship. **Pastor Chad Langdon, Christ-Wichita** and **Pastor Elizabeth Cummings, Resurrection** were among the people participating in the prayers and scripture readings that comprised the service and **Andrea Mendoza of Resurrection** played a piano selection

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HAYSVILLE HUSTLE

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION is now available in Haysville. Call 24 hours ahead of time to schedule a ride from 8am-5pm for only \$2.00 in the Haysville area. Tokens can be purchased at the Haysville Senior Center or City Hall. Cash, check or credit cards accepted.



Dear RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Kroger Co. Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to the local neighborhoods we call home. Our stores are on a mission to not just part of, but to help create a stronger community. We recognize that every community has unique causes that need support. Thank you for being such an important organization in our community.

We encourage you to ask your supporters to link their rewards card to your organization. Community Rewards is easy to use, The more your supporters shop with us, the more money your organization will earn!

We are committed to carefully protecting our customer's personal information. In order to meet their expectation of privacy, we have adopted a simple policy to never share a customer's personal information. Our privacy policy applies to Community Rewards participation as well.

Thank you for being such an important organization in our community,

Community Rewards Staff

July 2020 to September 2020

24 RLC Households Participating

\$88.59 Total Donation to RLC



In the last quarter RLC has received AmazonSmile donations in the amount of **\$49.37**. If you are an Amazon shopper simply go to smile.amazon.com and select Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran Church as your charity. After that shop on AmazonSmile just like you would on the regular Amazon website.

Busy Property Team

On one of those precious, warm, spring-like December days, the old, non-working parking lot lights were removed and bright, new LED lights installed. Thanks to Property Team for recognizing the need and spearheading the project. Thanks to ALL who contributed to the lighting fund. Now RLC folks are much safer in our parking lot.



Old light removal



New LED lights installed



Increased night lighting with all the lights working.

Again, thank you to property team and generous contributors. Another much needed, long-time-incoming project, our new church sign, was recently completed. Take note and be ready to smile as you drive in to Resurrection Lutheran Church!



2020 Altar Guild Project

SEW Powerful! Sew A Purse, Change A Life!

This year the RLC Altar Guild ladies have been working hard on their sewing machines and are changing the lives of girls and women in Lusaka, Zambia. Joining with many seamstresses from around the world to combat extreme poverty by providing purses for re-usable feminine hygiene supplies and health training to girls in Zambia. This enables them to attend school all month and improve their academic success. Our Altar Guild is including a kind greeting inside the purses they are making. A girl will receive their hand made purse with something special written on a note inside: a prayer, scripture verse, poem or word of encouragement. These cards are an important part of the program and each girl looks with anticipation in the purse to see what the sender has written.

God bless our Altar Guild for making a difference!



Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

God's Work. Our Hands

October 24th, Sandwich Saturday

Resurrection Folks collected reusable water bottles and deodorant for the Haysville School District as well as participating in Sandwich Saturday for their "God's Work. Our Hands" project this year. We also invited members to click a photo wearing their yellow "God's Work. Our Hands" shirts and doing acts of kindness in the community.



Busy Resurrection Youth

On November 14th, since our cleaning service is on a COVID hold, our youth stepped up to clean and polish our church.



On Sunday, November 15th, the youth's annual Bierock Sale Fundraiser was held. 250 bierocks, with and without sour kraut, were hand made on Saturday and offered for sale to the congregation on Sunday. The sale was a great success as ALL the prepared bierocks quickly sold out! Funds raised are used to support attendance at various youth events.



**Rev. David C. Fulton,
Retired Colonel, Air Force
KPTS Distinguished Veterans
Service Award**

On Veteran's Day, KPTS, Channel 8, recognized Kansas veterans who have demonstrated outstanding service to their country, fellow veterans and their communities. Among the recipients was Rev. David C. Fulton, Retired Colonel, Air Force and Clinical Chaplain at the Robert J. Dole VA Medical Center. In addition, Pastor Fulton helped co-found Partners for Wichita and also served as pastor at St. Paul's-Wichita retiring in 2018.



Pastor Dave is now a member of RLC and occasionally serves as our fill-in pastor for worship services.

Merry Christmas

Imaging Team Greetings

May you all have a Merry, Merry Christmas & a safe, happy & healthy 2021. Let us all celebrate & remember the reason for the season-the gift of baby Jesus. May everyone be blessed with amazing memories.

- Vicki Larsen

Wishing everyone a blessed Christmas and hopefully we will be able to celebrate next year.

- Loretta Holmes

May the love of Jesus fill your hearts and homes during this Christmas season. Have a safe and blessed Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

- Barbara Shick

Wishing you a Merry Christmas! Hoping you can enjoy time with friends and family even if it's done virtually this year.

- Barry Schroeder

I wish our congregation a Merry Christmas and much better year in 2021. I look forward to brighter days and church family gatherings for fellowship.

- Vickie Sample

I wish you and your family a safe and blessed Christmas. Even if you are not able to be with family and friends, I pray you know the love of God, and his miraculous gift filling your heart and home.

- Noreen Sholts

*There are twelve days of Christmas,
Celebrate EVERY Day!*

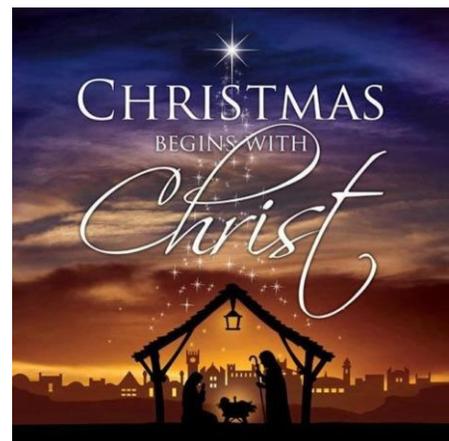
From Grace to Glory

Robert (Bob) Westerhaus Obituary



April 4, 1944 - September 16, 2020

In the sure and certain hope of resurrection, Robert (Bob) Westerhaus has joined the church triumphant. May perpetual light shine on him.



Vicky Tully



I was born and baptized in Honolulu, Hawaii. Military baby explains that. Lived there a couple years before coming home to Wichita. My dad was born and raised in Wichita and is a retired Sergeant Major in the Army. He also retired from the post office. My mom is a native of San Salvador, El Salvador Central America so she is Catholic, feisty, short and has a thick Spanish accent which always makes people take a second look when all her kids are so American. I am the oldest of four. Myself, my brother Robert, Jim and my sister in stair-step order. My mom always says, “Never make fun of a person with an accent – it means they know one more language than you do.” She received her education for severely handicapped children including the blind &

deaf. She retired after 32 years as a teacher at Heartspring but it used to be called the Institute of Logopedics.

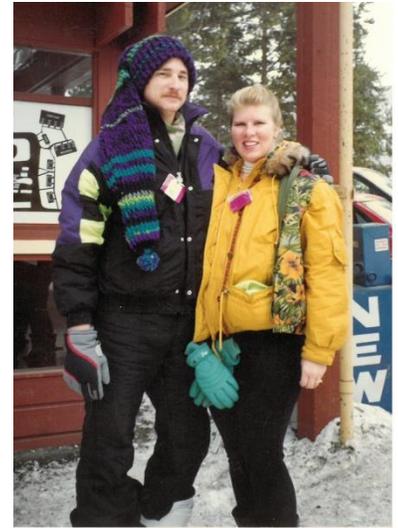
My family grew up in Wichita...inner city! Right across from North High School. That’s probably why our entire family plays tennis. It was free and across the street. My brothers and I were competitive and even got to the point of playing against each other and the neighborhood for money if challenged. We didn’t ask parents to take us anywhere, we had the High School court and the field where I played as all-time quarterback or ‘I wasn’t playin’ I used to say. I remember my dad hooking up his motorcycle to a sled, taking us for ridiculously dangerous sled rides inside the tennis court when it snowed. As kids from a different generation, we roamed our neighborhood on bicycles, climbed our favorite persimmon tree which was our home base for special meetings & fort protection when it was persimmon war time with sling shots. Dad loved adventures so we traveled to all kinds of places to explore. We even drove in a pickup truck with a topper all the way to Central America. Those days, we didn’t have seat belt laws so it was us four kids flying around in the back of the truck inside a topper having snacks, playing cards or sleeping, we made it through Mexico and then El Salvador. Many stories to share. I remember traveling bumpy dirt roads on a mountain south of the border, a volcano actually and I squeezed several marshmallows out of the back so we could watch the natives go crazy discovering the sweet deliciousness they had never tasted before.

I attended public school until 7th grade, when my mom argued that it was time for us to go to a Catholic school. There was unrest with racial riots and problems developed at the junior level schools. I knew it was a huge argument when it came to high school because my dad wasn’t Catholic and he was fine with me going to North High but mom won and I carpooled clear out west to attend Bishop Carroll Catholic High School for 4 years. In 1978, we moved to Goddard, KS. We went from inner city neighborhood kids to country living overnight. All of a sudden, we had to learn how to live in the country and adapt. Dad bought us a couple horses and some cows and I learned to drive a tractor. My parents still live in Goddard on a farm but no longer have big animals.

I worked full time and attended college at Newman Catholic University. Played tennis for the school for a while since I played for Carroll all four years. Got involved writing for their newspaper and enjoyed that so much, I also wrote for WSU Sunflower Newspaper. I got a job at Channel 3 as a reporter and also did internship for radio KEYN. I loved doing that kind of work but saw that most reporters had to survive on several jobs to live. I was finishing up school and having another internship with a Graphic Art Design Company, when I got called for the post office. My mom was so against it since I had education under my belt

**** SPOTLIGHT ****

but it sure helped me pay off Newman's crazy tuition costs. I met Gary at the post office. We both worked on the main floor but in different areas. We were very opposite people. At the time, I viewed him as a tobacco chewin', bass fishin', country boy and I wasn't his type anyway. He used to think I was *somewhat worldly* he called it. I had just gotten back from a trip to Europe, and that was one of the best trips I've ever taken. When I first started talking to Gary, being competitive and having played football all my young life with the neighborhood boys, I asked him one day, to think of any sport and I would beat him. He took me up on it and he decided to pick golf as our first date. Of course, I was taking a couple classes at WSU and as an elective I chose golfing. It became an obsession to play and we enjoyed playing before going in to work. I taught him how to play tennis and he became pretty good at it. We got married in 1989, and we were very active. Some of our favorite things to do



were snow skiing twice a year and going to the lake with our friends in the summer. We hung out at the lake a lot. We still have our boat we bought in 1990. We were blessed with children: Kealy in 1993 and Lake in 1996. I had a jeep that I could easily hook up my seadoo trailer and take my 4 yr. old son with me for a quick spin before work sometimes out on Santa Fe Lake. One Christmas, Gary surprised me with a new water toy. It was a windsurfer. I had a lot of fun memories at the lake with that and some scary ones too. Again, I'd pop that son of mine and Kealy too on the board and take off into the wind. Looking back, that might not have been the safest thing to do but they grew up doing those things on the water. My son's name is Christian Lake but his middle name stuck more and more. When Gary was deployed to Iraq, I took the kids to Hawaii for a month and Lake learned how to surf at the age of 7. Kealy wasn't interested in that but loved snorkeling. Both kids love the water and competitive swimming was Kealy's sport in high school while Lake played all the sports he could.

I don't play tennis anymore and I have some crazy stories which could go into a book, usually something to do with my kids or my 10 pet chickens who are all named by the way. I feel blessed to have a beautiful family and I enjoy working for RLC.

