



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;

As we look forward to the summer months, let me remind you that we will move to our summer worship schedule Memorial Day Weekend. Service with Holy Communion will begin at 9:00 am on May 30, 2021. And during the month of June, we will have Vacation Bible School for all ages. We invite you to stay following the service for some singing, a skit, a story, a craft and some games. If you are able to stay one Sunday or all four, please let us know by signing up. This will be a wonderful time for our congregation to be together as we walk alongside one another in our faith journeys.



Thank you for all you do to keep the ministries of this church going every day, every week, every month. I realize that the changes that were made to the way we have done things in the past, due to the pandemic took some adjustment time. Thank you for your flexibility and adaptability as we navigate this uncharted territory together. I want you to know that the COVID

Team and the Church Council are doing their best to keep us safe and keep it so we can continue to meet in person and have congregational meetings and events.

The Central States Synod Assembly will be virtual this year. Thank you to Ryan Marshall and Jeanette Westerhaus who have volunteered their time to be the voting delegates from our congregation. Please look forward to a report from them about the business of the synod and their experiences following the conclusion of the assembly.

My prayer is that we all have a safe summer over these next few months. I pray for your safe travel, I pray for your family, I pray that the Holy Spirit is active in your lives.

Peace and Blessings,

Pr. Elizabeth A. Cummings



The Loving Shepherd

by Pr. Tom Schaefer

Scattered, scared, disheartened,
My shepherd searches for me.
Parched, hungry, depleted,
My Shepherd nourishes me.
Sick, dying, despairing,
My Shepherd comforts me.
Still waters, green pastures, clear paths,
My Shepherd leads me.
His rod and staff nudge me,
Pull me back to His table
Teeming with treasured gifts.
Costly oil drips down my head
With sweet assurance I am His,
In his pasture, Evermore.



Disaffiliation with the ELCA

On October 23, 2020, Zion Lutheran in Hutchinson was allowed disaffiliation with the ELCA and the Central States Synod by Bishop Susan Candea and her council.

We wish to extend our thanks to the Bishop for shepherding us through the separation.

Zion has chosen to join the Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC) as we feel their theology is closer to the beliefs held by Zion.

In parting, we wish God's abundant blessings on our Area 5 friends and hope you experienced a beautiful Christmas.

*In His Love,
Harley Phillips,
President, Zion Council*

Celebration of Life

Roger Lee Johnson



November 22, 1947 – January 3, 2021

Ray York



December 25, 1940 - February 15, 2021

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**** WORSHIP ****

2020 Christmas
(With Covid Measures)



Pastor Elizabeth, Christmas 2020



Nativity Display



Giving Tree



Ugly Sweater Sunday

Instant Christmas Pageant

December 24, 2020

During the Christmas Eve 2020 worship service, the Christmas miracle was presented. There were no pageant rehearsals. Yet as Rory Cummings, with Oliver's help, read the story, angels appeared. Baby Jesus, Mary, Joseph, with shepherds, a star and three kings came to depict the manger scene. Several gifted soloists added their talents. With the inspiration and direction of Jeanette Westerhaus and willing participants, the Instant Christmas Pageant took place and was much appreciated and enjoyed.



**** WORSHIP ****

Palm Sunday, Hosanna! Hosanna!
March 28, 2021

We gathered outdoors for the scripture reading and the Palm Sunday procession.



Easter! He Is Risen! Hallelujah!
April 4, 2021



Resurrection's Altar Guild prepared many handmade Easter treats and presented them to children (young and older) on a beautiful 'Kids Table' in the narthex on Easter Sunday. It was in place of an egg hunt - easy to find and there were tasty treats too.



Easter Vigil - A Windy Eve
April 3, 2021



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The Cup of Our Life

by Pastor Elizabeth Cummings

During the season of Lent Pastors Dona and Elizabeth Cummings led a weekly devotion based on the book, *The Cup of Our Life* by Joyce Rupp. We were joined on Facebook with people from Connecticut, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Kansas each week, and used a cup to see how God was active and working in our lives.



We began each session with a read devotion followed by meditation using the breath prayer. We looked at different scripture passages and answered thought provoking questions. It was a welcome time of reflection and discernment each week for those who were able join us online.

The group grew close to one another over the 6 weeks of Lent and look forward to joining together again in the future. The pandemic demonstrated to us the we could gather together even though we were miles apart.



Development Specialist at Bethany College

LINDSBORG, KAN., December 14, 2020 - Bethany College has appointed Jacob Spilker, a 2015 graduate, as a part-time Development Specialist. Spilker will continue in his role as the Executive Director at Camp Tomah Shinga. His focus at Bethany will be to strengthen the partnership with the congregations of the Central States Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America through focused outreach with the pastors, churches and their members, as well as the youth of the Synod and with Camp Tomah Shinga.

“We are very pleased to have Jacob Spilker join our team. Through his work with Camp Tomah Shinga, Jacob is the perfect person to help grow the exciting partnership between Bethany College, the congregations of the CSS, and Camp Tomah Shinga,” said Clair Oleen, Interim Vice President for Institutional Advancement.



For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

Romans 15:4

**** INVITE ****

Wichita CROP Walk - Save the Date!!

Walk to Stop Hunger Wichita CROP Hunger Walk will be Sunday October 3th at Sedgwick County Park. Save the Date!! T-shirt sponsors are being sought now. May 31st is the deadline to confirm to be a t-shirt sponsor by getting the money and logo to Dennis Harvey, CROP Treasurer, at 4370 N. Eagle Lake Ct. Bel Aire, KS 67220. Sponsorship levels are \$300 - large logo on t-shirt, \$200 - medium logo on t-shirt, \$100 - name on t-shirt. CROP Walk encourages people to form teams to walk and raise funds to defeat hunger here in Wichita and around the world through Church World Service. Contact Dennis Harvey at 744- 2935 for more information or see cropwalkwichita.org.



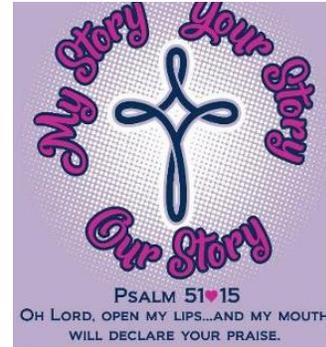
Proverbs 19:17 "Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed."

**National Gathering POSTPONED
Women of the ELCA Triennial**

The Just Love Triennial Gathering, scheduled for August 5-8, 2021, is postponed and registration refunds will be offered. Women of the ELCA Churchwide Staff will be finding other ways to build community and bring women together virtually in 2021 and 2022. The current plan is to have the Gathering and Convention in Phoenix, AZ the week of September 18, 2023. Some work is being done to amend the Women of the ELCA constitution to allow virtual meetings.

**Women of the ELCA Convention
Save the Date – September 10-12, 2021**

The theme verse will be Psalm 51:15. The theme is *"My Story, Your Story, Our Story."*



Women of the ELCA leadership is planning the 2021 Convention. Convention is a GO--VIRTUALLY! Sneak peek at the tentative plans: Friday, September 10, 7:30 p.m. Opening – that’s right, after the 8-5 work day! On Saturday, September 11, at 9 a.m. – 12 noon, there will be speakers (including Bishop Candea) and educational sessions. On Saturday afternoon, September 11, at 1 p.m. is the Business Meeting for the Voting Members. Convention T-Shirt will be—Wear Your Favorite T-Shirt from a Past Convention! REGISTRATION IS FREE—THE GOAL IS JUST TO GATHER EVERYONE TOGETHER! More information will be in the next issue of the Central States Synod Women of the ELCA’s “Walking in the Word” newsletter but for now please SAVE the DATE!

**CSS Women of the ELCA
Convention Update**

The 2021 Central States Synod Women of the ELCA Convention will be a virtual gathering on September 10-11, 2021. Registration is free. Plans are still in development stages. The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. on September 10th. Saturday morning’s program speakers will include Bishop Candea and the business meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. for the Voting Members. Additional information will be published in the next Central States Synod “Walking in the Word” newsletter.

Please note, the Churchwide Women of the ELCA Triennial has been postponed.



The Red Wagon

By Bert Kirkpatrick

A Little History

When the idea to provide for the food bank in Wichita was to draw a red wagon through the nave, Mariah Atcheson, then just a little girl, offered her red wagon. After some years of using that wagon, our brother in Christ, Ray York, purchased the one we use now with the pneumatic tires. We were able to return the original red wagon to its rightful owner.



Thoughts Regarding the Red Wagon

It is a community outreach for Resurrection Church. I am told that we are the only church in the area that directly makes such provision.

It is a reminder to us whom God has blessed with full tables that there are those in our community who are food insecure and in need of help.

The invisible red wagon. Only non-perishable items are collected. The invisible red wagon consists of donations made by Resurrection to Haysville Ministerial Association which then provides vouchers for the purchase of perishable items of milk, bread, and eggs.

The work of distribution of commodities is carried out by West Haysville Baptist Church. Hence, another advantage is that I get to harass the Baptists when I deliver our offering.

So, keep the contributions coming!

Thrivent Action Team

by Evelyn Clark

This Thrivent Action Team event was the result of using my Thrivent membership to file on behalf of Camp Tomah Shinga. The six volunteers were from Concordia Lutheran Church, Concordia KS who came out on 3-27 to paint one of the cabins. Thrivent members need to know that they can sponsor a Team event without it being at their church. Jacob will be delighted to identify more projects that could be undertaken for the Camp. Thanks!



Response from: Jacob Spilker, Camp Director
<jspilker@tomahshinga.com>

The short-term benefit is that it gives our camper cabins a nice facelift as we get ready to welcome campers. A place that parents can look at and really trust that we are going to take the best care of their kids. The long-term benefit is that we are caring for the cabins so that they can be enjoyed for many years to come.



It's Back!

It's back - Yay! Women of the ELCA sponsor their annual Bake & Book Sale which helps fund camp scholarships and other projects. The bake sale is held on the first Sunday in May to begin the month-long book sale. Books, CD's, magazines, puzzles and games are donated for the sale. This year there are five themed tables of Book Sale items offered for a donation of your choice.



Looking for Your Jacket or Sweater?

Look no further than our narthex! Several very nice jackets and sweaters have been living on the narthex coat rack, just waiting and hoping to be claimed and return to their rightful owner. Take a look! Claim your jacket or sweater, or both!



YMT

by Pam Porsch

Plant Sales – The Youth had their annual plant sales on May 2nd and what a wonderful sale it was. There were sixteen members who ordered plants with the sales totaling \$1,157! The youth raise funds to support the costs of attending various youth gatherings. Several congregation members have had wonderful results from the plants they purchased from the youth in years past. 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. Thank You for your support!



Sandwich Saturdays - Resurrection will once again be hosting Sandwich Saturdays in 2021. Our first Saturday was April 24th, next will be August 28th and October 23rd. If you would like to help out with this Community Service project, see Loretta or Pam.

Rocky Railway VBS 2021 – VBS 2021 is going to be intergenerational - ALL Ages Welcome – and will be after each Sunday's service in the month of June. The theme for this year's VBS is "Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through". During VBS 2021 we will discover that we can trust Jesus. Life is rocky for everyone – full of ups and downs and twists and turns. At Rocky Railway, we will explore Jesus' power and how we can trust Jesus to pull us through when life feels like a valley or a mountaintop. Please sign-up if you can participate, whether it is one Sunday or all four. There is a sign-up sheet on the Narthex shelf and one virtually on our Facebook page.

Women of the ELCA (WELCA)

by Vicki Nunn

On Feb. 9, 2021, after about a year's hiatus, our WELCA group resumed meeting in person while observing Covid 19 guidelines. On April 13th, the group held a brunch to celebrate and thank their long time leader, Evelyn Clark, who has moved to Topeka. Vicki Nunn is now the WELCA chair.



The WELCA meetings always include a Bible study, lunch and a business meeting. Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month.

Extra WELCA activities include the present WELCA Book Sale in support of their RLC youth summer camp scholarship program. Planned for July is a Christmas in July Workshop – creating items for the November Bazaar. On September 10-11th, the virtual Women of ELCA Synod Convention is planned. The annual Fall Bazaar is held in November and the Christmas Brunch rounds out the WELCA 2021 calendar.

Any and ALL Resurrection woman are most welcome to attend monthly meetings and/or take part in WELCA's numerous activities.

God Speed Evelyn Clark

On April 25th, Resurrection bid God Speed to Evelyn Clark as she prepared to move to Topeka, near her family and friends.

Evelyn is a charter member of our church, Resurrection. She was one of a handful of people who first worshiped together as Resurrection in the house church on Grand Avenue. Through the years she has seen and led our congregation through growth and changes. When any question arose about 'How have we done this?' Or, 'Any new ideas or suggestions?', the answer was, "Ask Evelyn". She did have good, ready, workable answers.

THANK YOU, EVELYN, for all the many things you have done, and the leadership you have generously given to our Resurrection family. We will miss you. Don't be a stranger.

God Speed Evelyn Clark!



Property Team Update

By Robert Nunn, Chairman

Hello Property Stewards,

Monthly meetings (every 1st Wednesday of the month) are back and we are always looking for new members. If you think you might be interested, please come and check out your property committee.

Committee members have mostly been busy with indoor duties. Church Clean Up/Work Day was held on March 27th.



Items addressed were: Cleaning Light Fixtures (removing bugs and replacing burned out bulbs), cobweb removal from around Narthex ceiling lights, cleaning of numerous windows, bathrooms, vacuum and dusting.



Cleaning was also done behind the curved wall in the Sanctuary. Thank you to everyone that helped. There was a good turnout with DOUGHNUTS for energy and stamina!



Spring projects this year consist of working on landscaping drainage (North side of Church building), installing our old church sign to the West drive entrance and monument caulking/painting.

Future plans:

1. Property has requested estimates for replacing Sanctuary and Narthex ceiling lighting with LED lights.
2. The next flooring project should be the Sanctuary carpet.
3. Property Committee is planning and hoping to have their Fall fundraiser, "Oktoberfest" this year.

These projects are funded by your generous giving and the balances are referenced in the weekly bulletin.

Thank you all for your continued support and generous giving toward Your Church Property.

" Thanks Be To God"



Update: Heather Westerhaus

by Grandmother, Jeanette Westerhaus

Recently Heather Westerhaus was promoted to Senior Airman. Thank you for your service.



Senior Airman Heather Westerhaus, was born in Royal Oak, Michigan on July 7, 2000. A brief journey on her young life will take you to her baptism at Risen Savior Lutheran Church in Wichita. Following her family’s move to Kansas she attended Rex Elementary school in Haysville. While there she attended a children’s Bible study, Girl Scouts and was a member of Haysville’s swim team.

Moving to Clearwater, she attended Clearwater Middle School and Clearwater High School, graduating in 2018. While she was in high school, she started talking to military recruiters. In military service she would have the opportunity to see the

world and earn a college education. The Air Force was her best fit.

Heather was sworn into the United States Air Force on November 5, 2019. Her basic training was at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. Then on to West Virginia for special training. Japan was her first choice for a base assignment. After a 14 hour flight she arrived at Yokota Air force Base, thirty miles from Tokyo. She works on the base as an Outbound Cargo Specialist. Japanese nationals are hired to help on the base, so she has picked up on speaking Japanese when she needs. Most of the people are friendly and nice. Everyone has worn masks there for a long time so COVID cases have been at a minimum. Yokota AFB was to be Heather’s assignment until March 2022, but she hopes to be transferred to Kadena AFB, Okinawa.

Heather has a car on base but walking 15 minutes to a train will take her where she wants to go. There are beautiful mountains, clear water and beaches to tour in Tokyo. Heather loves to draw and drawings in Japanese animal books are her favorite. Life in Japan has been everything she dreamed it would be. Her college classes and travels continue.

Again, thank you for your service, Senior Airman Heather Westerhaus.

Christmas Thoughts

From Jeff Holmes (Loretta’s son)

“Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise- the fruit of lips that openly professes his name. And do not forget to do good and share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased”

Hebrews 13:15-16

During this time, God never asks of us to sacrifice anything to him, but instead, he asks for us to give to others that way they know His name and generosity. He has given us eternal life. What then should we give to those less fortunate on the very day of the birth of his Son? For through those sacrifices, God is pleased.

**** SPOTLIGHT ****

Spotlight – Graduates

Blessing of graduates:



Natasha Braun, Avery Schill, Derick Marshall, Emery Evans, Andrea Mendoza
(not pictured: Corey Evans, Shelby Westerhaus, Roza Atcheson)



Graduate Celebration – Gotta have cake!



Graduates greeting card table

Shelby Westerhaus, Graduation Spotlight

Making the dean’s list and graduating with my master’s degree with a 4.0 grade point average were the greatest triumphs throughout my academic career. While working full time, raising a son, and going to school full time were main difficulties, the effort has paid off for everyone who supported me. I am now employed through the Goddard 265 Co-Op and work as an InterRelated Special Education Teacher at Clearwater Elementary, teaching K-3.

Presently I plan to continue working through the Co-Op and at Clearwater, gaining more experiences teaching students with various disabilities. Ultimately, I would like to be director or assistant director of special education for a school district.



Avery Schill, Graduation Spotlight



School memories - My favorite memories from school include playing scattergories with the Cross Country team before meets, singing Christmas songs to the elementary kids, and having a lock-in night with all of the show choir girls.

Present activities - In school I am very involved in academics, clubs, and sports. I have been able to maintain my 4.0 and I will be a Valedictorian of the class of 2021. This year I am President of the National Honor Society chapter, and president of our community service club, KAYS. I am a part of the mixed show choir, Blue Notes, and run cross country and track. I have been involved in our drama department's musical and play this year as well! I was chosen Miss CHS (Miss Clearwater High School). On top of those things, I have been very involved in my local and county 4-H clubs where I help kids learn about community service and teach them life skills.

Next year plans - My plans for this fall are to attend K-State to pursue a 5-year Master's Degree in Landscape Architecture. I will be living on campus in the dorms and I look forward to attending an ELCA church in Manhattan.

Ultimate goals - I want to be able to create outdoor spaces that are both beautifully designed and functional. I want to travel for a while to check out other cities and architecture styles. Hopefully one day I could work at, or own, a landscape company that has a big nursery!

Favorite Church Memory - My favorite memory from church activity was going to the National Youth gathering in Houston Texas. I had such a good time with the youth from our church and getting to meet other Lutherans from across America. Together we had great worship and participated in cool service projects.

Andrea Mendoza, Graduation Spotlight



Teaching preschool music this year as part of my Graduate Assistantship has been a joyful experience. As soon as I sit on the floor to begin class, I have at least three kids trying to sit on my lap (last week I had five all trying to sit on my lap). They went from not singing at all at the beginning of the year, to being active participants. Not only can they sing, move to the music and explore with instruments, but they can identify the basic elements of music (fast/slow; high/low etc.).

My favorite subject was Psychology of Music Education, because it filled in a lot of gaps for how the brain perceives and learns music. Once I began to understand this, I realized how much of music education is based on tradition, not on research. Once I began to apply this new knowledge, I have seen positive changes with my students' musical understanding.

What are you doing presently? Working at a job -tell about that, extra school or other activities. I currently teach piano privately, and play piano at this church. During spring and fall we stay busy with taking our kids to soccer practice and games.

What are your plans for the next year? My first goal is to have a calmer year with less going on. I plan to spend evenings with my family and when it is safe, game nights with friends. I will continue to teach private piano lessons, take piano lessons, and play piano at church. I hope to offer a music class for families with children preschool age and younger, and present a research project at a music teacher's conference next year.

What are your ultimate goals? Hopes? Dreams?

- 1) Expand my piano studio.
- 2) Continue my research into the anatomy and biomechanics of playing piano.
- 3) Ultimately, I am debating on pursuing a doctorate of Performing Arts Health at the University of North Texas. But not anytime soon - I need at least a five (perhaps ten) year break from school.

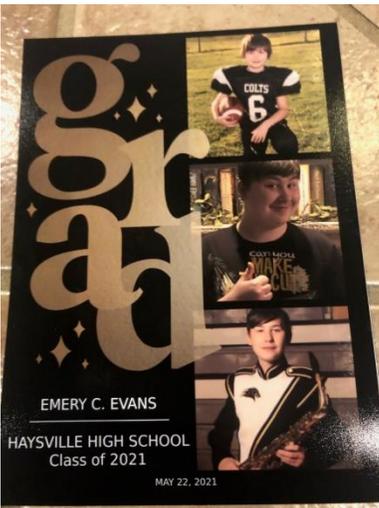
**** SPOTLIGHT ****

Derick Marshall, Graduation Spotlight



I graduated early this year and walked on May 22nd. I was involved in many sports and activities at Campus High School. During my senior year, I received many accomplishments on the Campus swim team and participated in clubs such as Colts for Christ. I also assisted theater with technical production. During my junior year, I earned the Certified Nursing Assistant license and worked at Clearwater Nursing and Rehabilitation Center after graduation. Currently I am employed at Jumpstart and have considered joining the U.S. Army.

Emery Evans, Graduation Spotlight



My best high school memories were playing saxophone in the band. Along with that, my embarrassing moments occurred when I would mess up for marching band. Presently I am working hard to meet Army graduation requirements and get in shape to enlist in the US Army.

During the upcoming year, I plan to complete basic training at Ft. Benning Georgia and be able to buy a car. My long term goals include retirement from the military and buying a home in Colorado.

Corey Evans, Graduation Spotlight



I graduated from Coe College in Iowa. Presently I am working with my Dad, Ron Evans, doing maintenance and repair of his rental properties. My future plans include possibly taking supplemental classes in music at Wichita State University. Ultimately, I would like to teach music.

Natasha Braun, Graduation Spotlight



I have gone to Mulvane schools since I was in kindergarten. I was in Color Guard for three years, Band for seven years, and part of Theater for two semesters. I will be going to Bethany Lutheran for four years, then hopefully getting to K-State for another four years for Veterinary Medicine.

My best memories would have to be from Color Guard. I really liked the people who were on the team. I loved that there was very little drama, that I became one of the better people in Color guard, and I enjoyed getting to be a bigger part of the school by being in a Spirit Squad. My worst memories are from the Advanced Placement U.S. History (APUSH) class that I took for one semester my junior year. I would be up till after midnight on many nights studying the book for the upcoming tests. We would take the test, have to choose the *most correct* answer, meaning more than one were right, just some were more correct than others. The day after we took, for example, the chapter 3 test we would then begin the chapter 3 notes. My favorite subject is anatomy, and I am currently enjoying that class very much. My favorite teachers are Mr. Klaker, Mr. Roderick, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Keller, Mrs. Woods, and Mr. Kruger. This is because each of these teachers had an engaging teaching

style and made learning fun (it probably helped that I liked the class that they taught).

I am currently Captain of the Color Guard Team and will be helping the new coach and band teacher run try-outs. I am also part of the Theater crew and helped with publicity and sound for this year's performance, A Night of Radio Dramas.

I plan on majoring in Biology at Bethany Lutheran in Lindsborg, Kansas, and I will also be playing in their band and performing the Messiah with them on Easter.

My ultimate goal is to become a veterinarian, and I hope to be able to pay off all of my student debt.

Roza Atcheson, Graduation Spotlight



After attending Butler Community College, I started at Wichita State to complete my bachelors. From the start of college to my graduation, I switched majors from history to business to political science. Although I really liked the field of business, I honestly got to the point where I wanted to graduate college and I had more credits in the political science field than in business! I was really happy to graduate last Fall with my bachelor's degree! I majored in Political Science and minored in Philosophy.

My last semester of college was during Covid which meant all my classes were online. This wasn't too hard to get used to because I had already done a lot of my schooling online so missing out on the interaction with people wasn't that big of an adjustment; but finishing that final semester when I also actually *caught* the Covid virus was hard. But I did it!

I worked part-time almost the entire time I went to college. Mainly my jobs were at TJMAXX as a salesperson for over four years and at the Air Force where I worked as a lifeguard for several summers (and lifeguarded Derby Waterpark before that). My final semester of college I was able to find an internship with the help of WSU's job board that allowed me to work in the political science arena. The job was mainly through zoom and the phone lines, with just one on-campus activity, so that was an opportunity during Covid that really helped me be able to have a job related to my major that I could list on my resume, plus it was an enjoyable experience.

I feel very fortunate to have landed a role just two months after graduation at Sherwin Williams in their management development program. I am now the assistant manager in their Liberal, Kansas, store where I'm being groomed to take over a store of my own in the future. I'm glad to know that even with the obstacles I had, I found myself the ideal job that is allowing me to flourish in my future career goals – I'm getting to pursue that business career after all!

Thank you to all my church family who encouraged me during my schooling – college is a long haul and kids need all the mental support and prayers they can get! Thanks so much also to my parents, and especially my mom, who held my hand all the way!