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# THE NAMELESS NEWSLETTER

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## Name Resurrection's New Newsletter!

We have been taking suggestions for the new newsletter and now is your chance to get in on the fun! Below are the ideas gathered from the congregation. Email your favorite to [newsletter@rxluth.com](mailto:newsletter@rxluth.com) or call us at 316-522-1091.

1. The Resurrection Scope
2. Spreading the News
3. Pew News
4. Lutheran Happenin's
5. The Buzz @ RLC
6. News from the Pews
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10. Quarterly Quotings

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## 50<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary Cookbook

Got a recipe for "White Trash," "Kansas Caviar," or "Picadillo"? We have! If you like food that's simple and easy like "meatloaf" or "Poor Boys Casserole" or something like "Crawfish Etouffee", "Cranberry Chutney" or "Tandoori chicken", we have that too. In fact, we have a cookbook with over 350 tried and tested recipes. The 50th Anniversary Cookbook has gone to the publisher and will be available in time for the Fall Bazaar, November 14-15. It will again feature the 3-ring format and will sell for \$10. What a bargain!!! Contact Evelyn Clark to place your orders and start your Christmas shopping early.

## Resurrection's Golden Anniversary

*Remembering Our Past, Rejoicing In Our Future* is the logo chosen from several entries for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The 'official' and actual date, May 3, 2009, is a Sunday for which a weekend celebration is being planned. Additional plans to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Resurrection's founding are well underway.

Recipes have been collected and an anniversary cookbook is being published which will be available to purchase at the Fall Bazaar in time for Christmas gifts.

October 18<sup>th</sup>: Our church will have a float in the Haysville Parade

October 26<sup>th</sup>: Reception of members Oktoberfest dinner and activities

November 9<sup>th</sup>: Participation in a world-wide celebration of Martin Luther's 525<sup>th</sup> birthday and baptism.

November 23<sup>rd</sup>: A congregational concert featuring our adult choir, the youth choir, vocal and instrumental soloists. (Do you have a gift you would like to share this day?)

March 2009: A festival jazz band concert by the Bethany College Jazz Band. The day will be announced.

May 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009: Anniversary weekend. Mark your calendars now for the upcoming events and most especially this weekend.

Other events are possible. If you have an idea and/or would like to be a part of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Team or help coordinate or participate in organizing events please contact our event chair: Evelyn Clark, 524-0719.

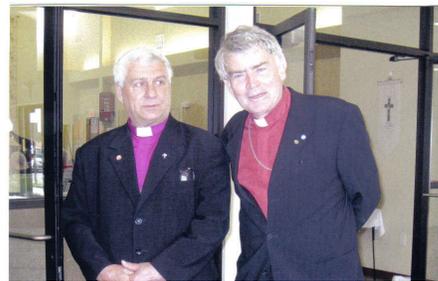
## **RUSSIA VISITS RESURRECTION**

On Sunday, June 15 we were blessed with a visit from Bishop August Kruse and Pastor Manfred Brockman of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Russia and Other States (ELCROS). Bishop Kruse is the first Russian Bishop of ELCROS, and Pastor Brockman serves as Dean of the eight ELCROS churches in the Russian Far East, Resurrection's CSS Companion Synod.

Bishop Kruse and Pastor Brockman were in Wichita for the Global Mission Festival on June 14<sup>th</sup> at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. They spent Sunday morning preaching and visiting with the congregation. Bishop Kruse and Pastor Brockman spoke with the children during the children's sermon, showing them where Russia is on a map of the world and speaking about the global mission and our congregation's connections around the world. Maggie and Paxton Leaf also presented our guests with gifts of candy and boxes to store goodies in that were disguised as Bibles.

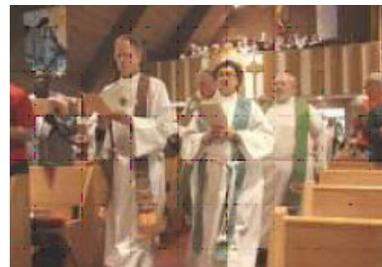
Bishop Kruse and Pastor Brockman also preached during the sermon, including a special greeting from Bishop Kruse that was translated for us by Pastor Brockman.

Thanks goes out to Jackie and Lawrence Vollbrecht of Gloria Dei Lutheran in Wichita for making the visit possible.



Bishop August Kruse (far left) and Pastor Manfred Brockman greet the congregation outside of the sanctuary.

Paxton Leaf and Mykenzie McKusker acolyte during the Global Mission Festival on June 14<sup>th</sup>.



Pastor Tim Leaf (far left) and Pastor Joan Swander lead worshipers at Gloria Dei Lutheran during the Global Mission Festival.

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*From our partners in Lutherstadt Eisleben, Pastors Claudia Bergmann and Scott Moore.*

### **525 YEARS – 525 BAPTISMS**

#### ***How many Lutheran pastors does it take to baptize 525 people?***

This is not the beginning of a joke but an invitation coming from the congregations in Lutherstadt Eisleben to you and your congregation. Let us explain: Our congregation worships in the church where the great reformer, Luther, was baptized. We still use the remnants of the baptismal font over which the baby Martin was held to receive God's promise. Every year, we mark the anniversary of Luther's baptism with a service of baptismal remembrance. But this year, because we mark the 525<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Luther's baptism, we would like to find 525 congregations around the globe to come together in baptismal remembrance with us. Maybe, we will even find 525 people who will decide to receive the sacrament of Holy Baptism either in Eisleben or in their congregations on that occasion. If you want to join us in marking this special occasion by lifting up the importance and relevance of baptism in your life or in the life of your congregation, this is what we are offering to you:

- If you are a pastor, bring a church group to Eisleben and celebrate baptismal remembrance with us. If your congregation has baptismal candidates, bring them with you so that you can baptize them at our historic location.
- If you would like to get baptized and have received the proper instruction and permission by your congregation's pastor, you can come here and be baptized.
- If you can't travel here, you can still join us in celebrating baptismal remembrance on this special occasion by using one of the resources we will provide on our website [www.Luther525.de](http://www.Luther525.de).

No matter what you decide to do, we would love to hear how you and your congregation will celebrate the 525<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Luther's baptism so that we can publish it on our website.

**Resurrection has been accepted as one of the participating congregations. To date, we are the only church in Kansas and one of only 10 in the USA registered for this baptismal remembrance.**

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## **BAD GIRLS BIBLE STUDY**



Do you want to have a FUN-FILLED Saturday morning? We invite you to join us in our Bible Study: **BAD GIRLS OF THE BIBLE**. Whether they were bad for a moment, bad for a season, or bad to the bone, we will explore their motivations and how it all works in God's plan. Join us at the church on the first Saturday of every month from 10:00 am until noon. Come and learn about the women of the Bible; we always have a good time!

Mark your calendar now! Bad Girls Bible Study will meet next at the church on Saturday, September 6th at 10:00 am.

Contact Loretta Holmes at 524-0965 for more information.

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## **SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

This fall brings kids and grown-ups together for faith-building experiences. A new curriculum, *Living the Good News*, will be used by young people age 3 through grade 7. This curriculum will provide students with in-depth studies of the lectionary readings that are read during worship every Sunday. Small groups of similarly-aged kids will come together every Sunday to explore the stories and lessons of the Bible. Activities and projects will focus on developing relationships and teaching Bible stories. We hope to build connections for families through our time together.

Rally Day will kick off the learning year on Sunday, September 7. Plan to invite your family, friends, and neighbors to Sunday School every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

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The Jr/Sr Sunday School Class will continue their studies of *Here We Stand* Confirmation from Augsburg Fortress Publishers. They will be reviewing/studying Bible Stories from both the Old and New Testaments. Along with their studies they will be incorporating various art projects for the benefit of the youth and our congregation; introducing Christian artists; and working on fundraisers. The class will also be designing Christmas ornaments to be donated to WELCA for their annual Bazaar.

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Our young people had a tree-top Bible blast in June during Vacation Bible School. The sanctuary and auxiliary spaces were recreated to be a Rain Forest Adventure for three hours every night. Many, many adults worked together to bring the Bible to life through crafts, science, storytelling, singing, and games. Even our youngest found a safe place in the forest to learn about God. One student reports, "I liked the crafts...that art stuff... because you got to make creative things and you got to make cool stuff on your own and you got to paint." Another child said, "I liked the rain forest because it looked realistic!" What a way to teach appreciation for God's great earth. Students brought offerings each night which were contributed to the tornado recovery effort at Scherer Memorial Lutheran Church in Chapman, Kansas. A church family trip to the Sedgwick County Zoo was a highlight celebration at the end of June.

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## **LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY**



Everyone is invited to join in on this fun and educational look at the Revised Common Lectionary that forms the basis for our Sunday morning scripture readings. This is a good opportunity to take a sneak peek at the following Sunday's readings and give them a chance to mull around in the back of your head during the week before hearing them again Sunday morning. Whether you're a Bible beginner or seasoned in your study, everyone is encouraged to come share in the discussions on the readings and how they apply to our everyday lives. We've even been known to make guesses at what Pastor will preach about. And of course it isn't a Lutheran gathering without a little food and coffee. The Lectionary Bible Study will move back to Tuesday nights at 7 PM starting September 9.

Contact Loretta Holmes or Barry Schroeder for more information.

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**Scrapbooking**

If you've got an artistic side you would love to share, or if you are looking to hang out with some fabulous people and pretend, we've got a group for you! A new scrapbooking group has recently formed to help Lila Stout, who has previously done all of the photo albums for the church. We have a ton of pictures, all of the supplies, and some sugary treats! The group has met twice with a lot of success and fun. Keep your eye out for the next meeting and come on out.

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**Church the Place to be**

This is a group of young kids meeting together to explore Luther's Small Catechism. They have a support and planning group: Pastor Leaf, Hope Tjaden, Loretta Holmes, and Jody Helton. The focus of their group is: worship, learn, invite, encourage, serve. Monthly meetings include dinner, worship, learning, songs and activities. Last year, this group of approximately 12 enthusiastic kids concentrated on the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments. Last year, the 'serve' theme was emphasized by helping to serve the homeless breakfast at St Paul's Lutheran. They also held an overnight at our church. This year, on every third Wednesday from 5:45-8:00 pm, they will continue exploring Luther's Small Catechism along with other fun activities. Adults are encouraged to participate. Hope says, "We'd like to see you there to help us WORSHIP, LEARN, INVITE, ENCOURAGE AND SERVE!"

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**TAKE CARE**

Resurrection has FREE rodent control! Please take care of our well fed, hard working, friendly, yellow fellow trimmed with brown-black speckles. He is living in our small storage shed (likely with his family). Protect and preserve our fat, 6 foot bull snake, Yogi. He was discovered and named by one of our faithful mowers, Gerald Yoachum. Yogi is a hard worker and considering the size of our back field and the many and prolific field rodents, his wages are a bargain!



**We Love A Parade!**

On October 18<sup>th</sup>, our church council is sponsoring the Resurrection float in the Haysville Fall Festival Parade. The theme of the festival will be, Our Vision for the Future. Our float will carry out that theme as well as celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary using our logo: Remembering Our Past, Rejoicing In Our Future. The plans call for riders on the float to include charter and long time members to represent remembering the past, and young children as the rejoicing in our future parts of our logo. Teens and adults may be needed if flyers describing our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary events are distributed along the parade route. Helpers will be needed for construction, parading, hand outs, watching, and cheering.

Please call Evelyn Cherry and 316-524-0516 to offer your gifts and talents for this project!

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**Christian One-Liners!**

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*Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited..... until you try to sit in their pews.*

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## \*\*ENCOURAGE\*\*



*Find some encouraging music on our local Christian Station, 99.1! My top ten songs are:*

- 10) *Today is the Day* by Lincoln Brewster
- 9) *Only Grace* by Matthew West
- 8) *In Christ Alone* by Brian Littrell
- 7) *What if Cartoons Got Saved* by Chris Tomlin
- 6) *In Better Hands* by Natalie Grant
- 5) *Let it Fade* by Jeremy Camp
- 4) *How You Live* by Point of Grace
- 3) *East to West* by Casting Crowns
- 2) *Set the World on Fire* by Britt Nicole
- 1) *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)* by Chris Tomlin



### *Positive News from around the world!!*

#### **Church Environmentally Friendly** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WOOSTER - Members of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship like green so much they're even considering growing grass on their roof.

The church is the only one in the country that boasts a gold rating from the U.S. Green Building Council, and one of only three buildings in Ohio to earn the designation.

"It is a source of special pride to our congregation," said Anne Wilson, church administrator and a member of the building committee.

As part of its environmentally responsible design, the building features airtight walls and a modern heating and cooling system that uses 40 percent less energy than regular systems while operating without ozone-depleting chemicals. The building's windows were designed to allow cross ventilation and reduce summertime dependence on air conditioning, and translucent panels installed in the walls allow natural light to filter from one room to the next. The church also worked in amenities that encourage its members to adopt green lifestyles, including a bike rack and shower stall for those who prefer to pedal, rather than drive, to services. Patrons who drive park on a grass parking lot with an underlying layer of gravel designed to let rainwater seep into the ground.

Although congregants were squarely behind the idea of becoming a green building, they did veto a proposal to add solar panels to the church's roof, because the cost was too high. That doesn't mean the church doesn't put its roof to good use, though. A rooftop cistern catches rainwater that is used to flush the building's toilets and irrigate plants on the property.

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## VIA DE CRISTO

Are you ready for a retreat – a weekend of Spiritual renewal – a time away to deepen your relationship with Christ?

**October 16-19, 2008**  
**Via de Cristo Weekend**  
**Ft. Smith, AR**

During the three day retreat lay persons and pastors talk about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. There is wonderful worship, small group time, lots of good food and laughter, and some time for personal reflection. You will experience God's grace and love and come away refreshed and renewed for your walk with Jesus. Via de Cristo literally means 'the way of Christ'. You may have friends who have been on a 'Walk to Emmaus' weekend or a 'Curisillo' weekend which are very similar to Via de Cristo.

Pastor Joan will be a Spiritual Director for the weekend and Patti Johnson from Lord of Life will be the Rector for the weekend. Each participant on the weekend has a sponsor who will be happy to answer any questions and make sure your weekend is a wonderful experience.

**Registration Deadline: September 21**  
**Cost for the retreat: \$175**  
**Scholarship money is available!**

Pastor Joan and Mary Swander will sponsor anyone from Resurrection who wants to attend this weekend. Please call them at 316-721-5070 or e-mail Pastor Joan at [jls2024@hotmail.com](mailto:jls2024@hotmail.com) for more information or registration forms.

***"My Via de Cristo weekend was a true gift from God. It deepened my faith and reminded me of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. Mary came away from her weekend renewed and refreshed for her walk with Christ."***

## *Gift Given to Help Rebuild Chapman Church*

In November 2006, Resurrection Lutheran was given a check for \$1000 from Christ the King Lutheran Church in Florissant Missouri, which was disbanding. The funds were put into a savings account until a worthy cause could be found for the money. Over the past two years, matching funds and contributions from the congregation increased the fund to \$2000. Recently, the church council approved gifting the money to the Scherer Memorial Church in Chapman Kansas, which was destroyed by a tornado this spring. At the end of July, a gift of \$2000 was sent to Scherer Memorial to assist in their reconstruction. Thank you for your contributions which make it possible for Resurrection to engage in an expanded ministry!

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## **THANK YOU FROM CAMP TOMAH SHINGA!**

It is a pleasure to offer a great big, giant "THANK YOU!" for your wonder-filled gift of \$2000 for use at Camp Tomah Shinga. As you know, your gift will be matched 100% by another friend of Camp Tomah Shinga as part of "The Five Challenge". This gift is a real blessing!

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## **Go Zones!**

GoZones is an after-school program at St Paul's Lutheran Church at 925 N Waco and opens the door of opportunity to neighborhood boys and girls grades K-5, especially from nearby Park School. Weekdays after school they offer academic support, character building and values, games, crafts, and fun. Healthy snacks, friendship time, along with adventures and experiences to remember are key ingredients to this volunteer staffed program. There are several ways you can get involved and serve in this important ministry! Volunteer on-site with activities one afternoon each week, lead children on a tour of your business, or be a guest speaker and talk about your profession, invest in the lives of the children with your funds or time! For more information contact Donna Bell at 316-263-0810 or e-mail at office.stpauls@sbcglobal.net

## **Planning Ahead: Thrivent Builds – Habitat for Humanity**

First: A heartfelt THANK YOU to all who helped with the 2008 Thrivent Build. There are now two grateful families living in and caring for their own homes.

On July 22<sup>nd</sup>, enthusiastic Congregation Champions and Thrivent Chapter Presidents, representing six congregations, met for a critique and planning meeting.

Our discussion resulted in a tentative plan to again build two houses, side by side, in Habitat Village, with a start date of March 24 and completion by May 2, 2009. We would work Tuesday through Saturday the first week, and then for the next five weeks work Thursday through Saturday finishing the houses after 20 work days.

With the support of Linda Stewart, Executive Director of Wichita Habitat for Humanity, whose presence and input was greatly appreciated, these leaders agreed to the plan described above. This plan will be subject to a Thrivent funding grant for two houses. Our Thrivent Builds Representative for Kansas and part of Missouri, Stan Stanfield, has indicated that Thrivent would like us to build two houses. Official approval won't happen until early December.

In the next few weeks a leadership team will be formed. Will you share your God given talents and gifts?

Please prayerfully consider these leadership roles:

- Thrivent Builds Specialists (3 or 4)
- Publicity writer
- Lunch Coordinator
- Congregation Champions

During the actual build next spring, please plan how you can help this important ministry:

- 'hands on' builder
- morning greeter/registrar
- lunch supplier and /or server

Contact Barry Schroeder or Noreen Sholts to enroll in this worthy outreach.

We pray that many of you will want to play a role in 2009 Thrivent Builds!

**Creation Word Search**

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 DUST  
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GENESIS  
 GODS IMAGE  
 GOOD  
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 SNAKE  
 TEMPTATION  
 TREE OF LIFE

**Fun Fact!**

If you were born during the time the Bible was written you could have had as many as 900 candles on your birthday cake! Not to mention more than 900 parties, and all of those presents!

**How to make applesauce!**

You need: 4 apples, ½ cup water, and ¼ cup sugar. To start, wash the apples. Next, ask an adult to cut them in fourths, peel them, and remove the seeds. Now you are ready to boil the apples in a pan of water. Once the water begins to boil, place a lid on top and turn down the heat to a simmer. After 20 minutes, your apples are done and ready to cool. Now you can mash them with a fork, add the sugar, and eat!

(Taken from *The Everything Kids' Bible Trivia Book*)

Discuss questions with your parents!

Read Genesis 1:1-2:5

1. What day did God rest after creating the heavens and earth?
2. Do you know what God made to mark the seasons?
3. On what day were trees created?
4. God used another name for light - what was it?

Read Genesis 1:26-2:17

1. Did God want man to increase or decrease?
2. What kind of plant did God give to man?
3. What happened to Adam when God breathed into him?
4. God enjoyed trees for more than just their fruit. What was the other reason?

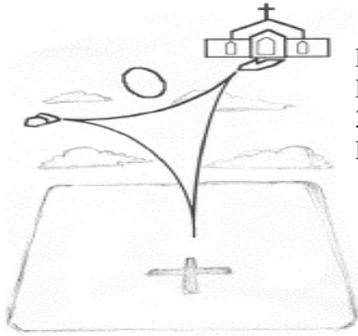
Read Genesis 2:18-25

1. To whom is a man united in marriage?
2. What did God take away from Adam?
3. What did God make with Adam's rib?
4. After God made woman what did he do?
5. Why was this new creation called woman?



Read Genesis 3:1-13

1. Which animal in the Garden was considered to be the craftiest?
2. What did God tell Adam and Eve they could eat?
3. What did God say would happen if Adam and Eve if they ate the fruit.
4. Who were Adam and Eve tempted by?
5. When they ate the apple, what happened?
6. Why were Adam and Eve hiding?
7. Who did Adam and Eve blame for all of the trouble?



RESURRECTION  
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Worship Musician ..... Marty Gould

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Ray York  
Barry Schroeder

**OUR MISSION  
STATEMENT**

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!

WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY AT  
8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR KIDS AND ADULTS  
9:45 AM