50th anniversary weekend events begin!!

Weekend celebrations will begin Friday evening, May 1st at 6 p.m. with a party in Fellowship Hall which has been renamed "Martin and Katie's Hofbrau Haus" just for the occasion. You will be treated to food made from recipes in the 50th anniversary cookbook "Fifty Years of Cooking With the Saints." Our German Lutheran heritage will be celebrated with food, music, and decor. Your knowledge of Resurrection's history, hymns, the Bible, and stories that have made the rounds over the years will be tested in trivia games. There's no charge but a free-will offering will be received and reservations are a MUST. Make your reservation now on the enclosed RSVP form.

Win a Quilt!

On Sunday afternoon, May 3, a beautiful quilt that was pieced and hand-quilted by Gayle Freeberg, wife of former pastor, C Arthur Freeberg, will be given away in a drawing. The quilt is 100X80 inches and features colorful "house" blocks and a navy blue backing.

Wayne and Evelyn Clark purchased two quilts from Gayle several years ago and Evelyn is giving this quilt for the drawing. Tickets may be obtained with a $1 per ticket donation. If you cannot be here for the weekend events, you may send your donation to the church and tickets will be entered in your name. Funds raised will go toward a new lighted roadside sign for the church.
**50th anniversary Logo Designs**

Several months ago the congregation was invited to submit logo designs to commemorate our 50th anniversary. There were three designs submitted and the judges loved them all! Now those designs are appearing in various ways as we celebrate! As you recognize these designs, you will agree that we are blessed with some very gifted members.

The design submitted by LaDonna Lawrenz appeared on the 50th Anniversary Newsletter mailed to you about a week ago. Have you noticed some t-shirts and sweatshirts with 50th anniversary logos appearing here and there about church? Anita Johnson’s design appears on the front of these shirts and the bold back logo is Rod Howell’s design.

Now comes the commercial!! Imaging Team is selling the t-shirts and sweat shirts as well as polo shirts and hats. The shirts come in a choice of four colors. Soon there will be available a commemorative Christmas ornament. The frosted white bulb will have a sketch of our church, plus our anniversary motto, ‘Remembering Our Past, Rejoicing In Our Future’ imprinted in gold. Recognizing two more gifted members, the church sketch was made by Barry Schroeder, the motto written by Shari Jordan.

HAPPY GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY RESURRECTION!!

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**Calendar of events**

**Friday, May 1, 6pm**
An evening of good food and fun at Martin and Katie’s Hofbrau Haus! Dishes from the new cookbook, “Fifty Years of Cooking with the Saints” will be served with fun and games to round out the evening.

**Saturday, May 2, 1-5pm**
An Open House with the Heritage Room and time for visiting.
At 2:20 pm, a Recognition Service will be held in the sanctuary honoring pastors, charter members, and other special guests.
At 3:45pm, we will move outdoors for the dedication of the commemorative monument.

**Sunday May 3**
At 10:00am, Worship Service with Holy Communion.
At 12 noon, catered dinner
At 1:30pm, a Service of Rededication will be held in the sanctuary.

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**50th Anniversary teams and committees**

The first meeting to begin planning for the 50th anniversary celebration was held April 20, 2008. The group, which evolved into the steering committee, discussed the purpose of the celebration, events, time lines, and goal. The first members of the committee were JanAlbertin, Ruth Albertin, Evelyn Clark, Lydia Evans, Vicki Nunn, Shari Jordan, Martha Leaf, Tim Leaf, Patti Meserve, Clark Sholts, Noreen Sholts, and Ray York.

The committee met again on May 4, August 24, and October 29, 2008. Others have joined the steering committee and all have gone on to actively participate in the many teams now working to make May 1-3, 2009, a successful celebration.

**Advance Planning**
The Advance Planning team has sent out invitations to former pastors, charter members, and special guests. On March 13 a mailing went out with specific details of events scheduled for May 1-3. They have also gathered information about local accommodations and are preparing visitor packets. Members of the team include Darren and Deanna Deutscher, Ray York, Bruce Cloyd, Pam Porsch, Donna Tibbits, Evelyn Cherry, and Evelyn Clark.

**Memorabilia Team**
One of the highlights of the anniversary weekend will be the Heritage Room in the west wing of the building. Displays will include early church records, photo albums, power point presentations of events and members over the years, and the new Parish Register which contains membership lists, baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and funerals for the first 50 years. Members of this team to date include Brent and Betty Batten, Maranda Gill, Lisa Atcheson, Anita Johnson, and Evelyn Clark. Persons with pictures and items pertaining to the history of Resurrection are invited to contact Evelyn Clark.
Stumbling Stones of Grace

"Stumbling Stones of Grace" is our theme for Lent 2009 and is being lifted up each Wednesday evening during the Lenten season as a part of our midweek worship series. The Lenten series began with imposition of ashes and the invitation to select a 'stumbling stone' from a large bowl of stones near the altar. Worshippers were further encouraged to continue collecting a stone every time they pass by the bowl all during Lent. With stones serving as a reminder of our sins and all that works to separate us from God, we are focusing on two things: 1) God's will for our lives in the Ten Commandments, and 2) God's gift of repentance that helps us to see and believe in the cross of Christ. On Good Friday, all the stones that have been collected by midweek worshippers will then be brought back to the church and used as a special part of the Good Friday service.

Church the Place To Be, made up of fourth-seventh grade youth and their parents, served as worship assistants for the Ash Wednesday service. At 6:00 pm each Lenten Wednesday, there will be a potluck meal featuring soups and stews, followed by worship with collection of another 'Stumbling Stone of Grace'.

Holy Week

HOLY WEEK SERVICES Christians the world over are called to remember Jesus’ final days and the events leading up to his death on a cross. As we follow in the footsteps of our Lord’s passion, we meditate on how Holy Week mirrors the baptized life where, in baptism, we die with Christ that we may be raised up with Him to new life.

5 April Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week with Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem. We will share in the procession of palms and the reading together of the Passion According to St. Matthew.

9 April Maundy Thursday worship begins at 7:00 PM. On this “the night in which our Lord was betrayed” we begin the celebration of “Triduum” (the Three Days) with the Rite of Foot Washing and the Last Supper. Such holy acts as these serve to bring us more deeply into the mystery of our faith. The service will conclude with the stripping of the altar.

10 April Good Friday worship begins at 7:00 PM. In this time of remembering the death of our Lord, we celebrate God’s victory in the cross, especially as revealed through the reading of the Passion According to St. John.

12 April Easter Sunday will begin with our Easter Vigil Sunrise Service starting at 6:00 AM. We will light our Christ candle from the fire outside, and then process into the sanctuary by candle light. Our worship will include the celebration of our Lord’s resurrection with a recounting of God’s saving acts throughout all history and sharing in Holy Communion. Regular Sunday morning Easter services with Holy Communion will be held at 8:30 and 11:00 AM.

12 April Sunday School Easter Celebration for all youth will start at 10:00 AM in the Green Room (the west wing). Students will join their classes for learning time then at 10:00. An Easter Egg Hunt will follow the class time and will take place outside, weather permitting!! Kids of all ages are invited. Bring a basket!!
Sunday School News

The Jr-Sr Sunday School Class is fast approaching completing their study of the Old Testament. We have met some of God’s greatest servants – and God has had much to teach us from their examples. We have studied people who failed God, why it happened, and the results. It has taught us what happens when we turn our backs on God. We are also learning practical lessons for daily living.

Service Projects:
- Valentines sent to homebound members.
- Selling t-shirts, etc for 50th anniversary.
- Work day for youth – Habitat for Humanity in May.

Fundraisers:
- Sterling silver Psalm 23 bracelets.
- Salvation key rings

Bad Girls Bible Study

We meet from 10 am to noon the first Saturday of every month. We’re encouraged by those whose lives are redeemed. There’s hope for us all! Please join us! Contact Loretta Holmes for more information.

Lectionary Bible Study

This Bible study takes place every Tuesday night from 7pm to 8:30. Come and learn what the scriptures really say. It will bring new meaning and understanding to the readings on Sunday.

**BIBLE BRAIN TEASER**

There are 30 books of the Bible in this paragraph. Can you find them? This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much, he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his john boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving, she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That’s a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or a scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth set a new record. The local paper, The Chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, “The books are all right here in plain view hidden from sight.” Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad exodus; there really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found. God Bless.
Fat Tuesday on Sunday

Many Resurrection members and friends enjoyed a delightful afternoon of fun and fellowship at a Mardi Gras wine-tasting event. Two area wine retailers partnered to provide this wonderful experience on Sunday, February 22. The wine-tasting guests were treated to as many as twelve different tastes of white wines and red wines and bubbly pink wines. Representatives from the distributor, Glazier, were on hand to serve and answer many questions.

Many thanks go to Travis and April (Hampton) Rupert from Main Street Liquors in Haysville and Tom and Rachel Kessler of Tom’s Wine and Spirits in Wichita for coordinating the day’s festivities. In addition to sharing their retailing knowledge, the Ruperts provided a spread of munchables for clearing the palette and the Kesslers donated door prizes and wine openers to the delighted crowd. A big hearty thank you also goes to Alice Yoachum and Evelyn Clark who prepared the yummy bierock casserole to wrap up the tasteful evening.

The festivities were additionally enhanced by the entertainment of the youngest guests. Some of Resurrection’s middle and high school youth planned activities and games to celebrate Mardi Gras. A highlight of the whole event was the Mardi Gras parade of young people donning masks and beads, playing instruments and dancing through the crowd. Thank you to Heather Porsch, Marriah Atcheson, Ashley Porsch, and Pam Porsch for providing such special fun for Resurrection’s young partygoers!
**ENCOURAGE**

Commemorative Monument

On Saturday, May 2 at 3:45pm we will be dedicating the new monument which has been built in front of our new church.

The monument is the cross that once sat atop the old church building. The building of the monument came from a memorial fund for Lon Doll and Tina Hartman.

Bruce Cloyd, father of Tina Hartman was behind the idea saying that his purpose in building was “Tina was baptized, confirmed, married, and buried at the old church, so I needed part of the old church at the new church to continue to feel Tina there.”

Pastor Leaf also placed some items in a time capsule which is behind the new cornerstone and added the star to the top of the cross. A ring was placed on the star to put 8 strings of light on during Christmas time.

**ALTAR GUILD**

Hurray! Our long awaited cabinets have been installed in the sacristy! They are beautiful and very functional. We are busy making a few adjustments and finding a proper place for everything. Take the time to have a look!

We will be meeting Monday, March 30th at 6:30 pm to discuss plans for Holy Week and Easter services. A clipboard is being passed around during services for the purchase of Easter lilies; the price is $11.00. We will meet again on Saturday, April 11th to prepare the sanctuary for Easter morning.

Plans are also underway for our May 3rd anniversary celebration. New sanctuary banners are being made. Again, a clipboard will be passed during services for altar flowers “in honor of” or “in memory of” for our 50th anniversary, May 3rd Sunday service. The Altar guild will order the altar flowers.

As measurements for our new altar become available, we may be purchasing new paraments. A donation for this purpose has already been received. A second fundraiser breakfast is being planned when we change to one Sunday service during summer months. The exact date will be announced later. Proceeds will be used to purchase two additional home communion kits.

WELCA

Palm Sunday Bake Sale

WELCA will host their annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale on Sunday April 5. Baked goods will be on sale after each service. Proceeds will be used for scholarships for our youth who plan to attend summer church camp at Camp Tomah Shinga. Members are invited to contribute baked goods and all are urged to stop by and make a purchase. Thrivent will match funds up to $300.

Spring Book Sale

Start gathering up your books, magazines, DVDs and VHSs, taped books, games and puzzles. Beginning Sunday May 17th, these will be on display in the Fellowship Hall. No items are priced. Make your choice and make a donation. WELCA is again hosting the event which will run for several weeks and the funds will be used for special congregational projects. Donations may be brought to the church after May 10th.

Campbell Soup Labels Program

In the past members of Resurrection have collected Campbell labels to help buy vans needed to bring children in to the Lutheran Navajo Mission school in Rock Point AZ. These vans have a limited life span as roads on the reservation are so rough. Now, however, instead of saving labels, Campbell’s just requires the UPC (bar code) insignia be sent. Any bar code whose number begins with 51 or 14 will qualify. If the bar code has dotted lines around or near it, cut on the lines. A container for these bar codes has been placed in the narthex. A sheet showing these products is also available.

The General Mills Box Tops for Education proofs of purchase are also very valuable, as they convert into cash for the Mission school these proofs may also be placed in the Campbell's container.

Faithful Funnies!

A little boy found a bible so old it was covered in 12 inches of dust. The little boy scooped away the dust and then slowly opened the ancient bible. As he opened the bible he noticed a leaf. He quickly ran to his mom and said, “Look what I found mom!” The mom asked, “What is it?”

“I think it's Adam’s underwear”, replied the boy.

A boy was watching his father, a pastor, write a sermon.

“How do you know what to say?” he asked.

“Why, God tells me,” the father answered.

The boy replied, "Oh, then why do you keep crossing things out?"

Q. What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth ?
A. Ruthless

Q. What do they call pastors in Germany ?
A. German Shepherds.

Q. Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?
A. Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a Little prophet.

Q. What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in in Eden ?
A. Your mother ate us out of house and home.
Lenten offerings to go to Navajo Lutheran Mission
Your Lenten offerings this year will go to the ELCA's Navajo Lutheran Mission in Rock Point AZ, in the Four Corners area where Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado and Utah meet. 50 years ago Lutheran missionaries arrived at remote Rock Point village. Today House of Prayer Lutheran Church has Navajo services for all ages. The Mission also provides a Kindergarten through 6th grade school for over 60 children which offers an alternative to Bureau of Indian Affairs and community schools, and provides an education that reflects Christian values while respecting Navajo culture and tradition. It is also a place for periodic eye and health exams, and a thrift shop that provides a major service to the 3000 residents of Rock Point and surrounding areas. Food and medical services are more than 50 miles away, and general shopping is 115 miles away in Farmington NM. A clinic staffed by a registered nurse and visiting doctors is scheduled to open soon.

More than programs and services, however, the Mission is all about people; the Navajo live with social problems, abuse, housing needs, debilitating diseases like diabetes and alcoholism, unemployment, poverty, and limited access to health care, and in many cases do not have electricity or water. The Navajo Lutheran Mission is committed to improving the lives of the many people in the area.

The Mission maintains a web site:   www.nelm.org

Consider making a generous Lenten offering for the ELCA Lutheran Navajo Mission. Thrivent will match your gift.

Building a Samaritan Community
Partners for Wichita is creating a Samaritan community. Good Samaritans are those called to be in service to others with a passion for helping individuals to achieve their goals. Samaritans will partner with our neighbors in need, working with them to transform their lives. All Samaritans will receive initial and continuing training to accomplish the mission of helping neighbors to move toward the achievement of their goals.

Comprehensive training will include:
- The biblical foundation of the Samaritan Community.
- Objectivity training in meeting emotional dilemmas and how to overcome individual involvement. How to create boundaries.
- Understanding poverty.
- Becoming skilled at how to discover what our neighbors require and how best to assist them. Helping them traverse the myriad of sources of help.
- Continuing training on all aspects of the Samaritan Community.

For more information or to get involved contact Partners for Wichita at 316-263-0810.
**LIVING THE FAITH**

A stranger comes to Resurrection Lutheran Church

He was cornered as soon as he entered Resurrection Lutheran Church.
“Good morning. Welcome,” said a church greeter. The stranger smiled and extended his hand.
“I’m Tom Schaefer, and I’m in the process of getting my clergy credentials in the ELCA. I’m working with Pastor Leaf.”
The greeter smiled. “We’re a warm and friendly bunch of people – ‘saints,’ as Pastor Leaf likes to call us.”
A few people stepped up, introduced themselves, and began to ask questions.
“Do you have family?”
“Yes, my wife, Mary, works at Prairie View Mental Health Clinic. My daughter, Jami, lives in Kansas City and works for American Century Investments, and my son, Joel, a high school teacher in Andover, is married to Amy, a pharmaceutical representative. They have three children, Grace (4), Ellen (2) and William (6 months). I’m a button-busting proud grandpa.”
Others started crowding around.
“What did you do for a living?”
“I’m currently working part-time at the KU School of Medicine in Wichita in the University Relations Department. Before that, I was a columnist and editor for The Wichita Eagle. And before that, I was a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod pastor in Texas and Wichita.”
“Why did you decide to go into full-time ministry?”
“I always felt a calling to the ministry. I was most influenced by my pastor, Clarence Knippa, in my hometown of Tulsa. I took part in Sunday school, all the VBS “bathrobe” productions, youth activities, and camps. Those experiences, as well as the people in the congregation, inspired me to serve in the church. At this stage in my life, I believe God is calling me to serve again, perhaps in an interim ministry.”
“What do you do for fun?” asked a curious member.

“My wife and I enjoy being together, whether it’s cooking, taking walks, playing cards, going on trips, or hanging out with our kids and grandkids. Then there’s my saxophone. I love to play it. In fact, I have it out in the car, and if you’d like, I could bring it in and play a . . .”

After one then another mumbled “excuse me,” the group quickly dispersed. The lone greeter looked around as the pastor/saxophonist continued, listing his favorite tunes and musicians. With a pained I’ve-got-to-think-of-a-good-excuse expression on her face, the greeter finally said as she hurried down the hall: “I think the coffeepot needs a fresh brew. We’ll talk later.”

(The previous account is highly embellished. But the “stranger” is happy to say that he and his wife feel right at home at Resurrection Lutheran and appreciate the friendliness and goodwill of those in the congregation.)

Springtime prayer

For flowers that bloom about our feet, For tender grass so fresh, so sweet
For song of birds, and hum of bees, For all things fair we hear or see, Father in heaven, we thank Thee!

For blue of stream and blue of sky, For pleasant shade of branches high,
For fragrant air and cooling breeze For beauty of the blooming trees, Father in heaven, we thank Thee! Amen
Meyer Begins Luther Seminary
Distributed Learning Master of Divinity

Tim Meyer began his study at Luther Seminary this past fall without leaving Wichita Kansas through the Distributed Learning Master of Divinity degree program at Luther Seminary. Meyer is able to stay in his community, work at Resurrection Lutheran church in Haysville Kansas, and complete a degree because of the program, which allows him to take most of his courses on line with periodic intensive courses on campus.

“I don’t fit the standard profile of a seminarian,” Meyer said, “but when exploring and discerning the call to parish ministry, this program showed promise that God could still use me. This unique community of cohort members, home congregation, and teaching parish is amazing. The DL program will let me learn to serve from where I am, and within a diverse community that is a real treasure.”

The program at Luther Seminary provides a hands-on, practical approach to theological education, allowing students to incorporate their work experiences into the classroom potentially without having to relocate to St Paul Minnesota. Most distributed learning classes are conducted online with just two annual two-week sessions on campus.

Pastor Joan and Mary Swander update!

Pastor Swander was recently featured in the local newspaper in State Center, Iowa where she is serving as the new pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Joan and mother Mary sent the article to share with the congregation along with an update on their new life in State Center.

Pastor Swander says they are enjoying getting acquainted and involved with the congregation at St. Paul. There are several opportunities to grow in faith and service and good things happening!

“We miss our Resurrection family and hope all are healthy and happy!”

Consolation
POEM BY ROXIE LUSK SMITH

There is never a day so dreary but God can make it bright.
There is never a night so black and void but God can send his light.
So take to Him those hopeless things that are tearing at your life...
The heart that puts its trust in God finds help to meet the strife.
Reaching Out In Prayer

For the past year or more, Resurrection's Prayer Team has been praying for Linda Gawthorne, a missionary, and the Kogi Tribe in Columbia, South America. Linda is sponsored by Wycliffe, an organization which supports Bible translation. Many years ago, Linda began working with and teaching the pagan Kogis in a mud hut, developing a written alphabet! With prayer and unswerving faith, God’s blessings are most evident overcoming many and even ongoing difficulties and resistance. More and more Kogi people have “taken hold of Jesus”. There are Kogi people who have graduated college and return to teach their village people. Many books of the Bible are translated and printed, schools and medical care are available, an important bridge has been built.

Join our prayer team: + THANKS BE TO GOD!! Strengthen Linda and the Kogi believers in their faith and mission! Amen! +
Please, detach this section and return to the church office or email the office: mail@rxluth.com  It is very important that our teams who are arranging meals have this information as soon as possible.

Name___________________________________________ Phone________________________________

Email_________________________________________

Friday evening Martin and Katie Hofbrau dinner (limited to 80 guests):
   Number attending ________________

Sunday catered dinner:
   Number attending ________________

I need information about housing   ____ YES   ____NO

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT
Live the Faith! Lift High the Cross!

OUR VISION STATEMENT
We will grow in faith and numbers by seeing Christ in one another in all we say and do.

We are a welcoming place from the curb to the coffee pot and back “COME AND SEE!”

WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY AT
8:30 AM & 11:00 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR KIDS AND ADULTS
10:00 AM