



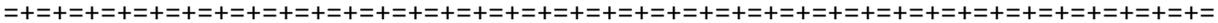
# RESURRECTION REFLECTIONS

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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*

#### ELCA National Youth Gathering

MyKenzie, Victoria, Brady and I met up with people from Reformation, Cross of Glory, and Christ Lutheran to begin our trip to Detroit for the ELCA National Youth Gathering on a Sunday morning. We drove to just outside Chicago on the first day and then it was on to Detroit on Monday morning. We had to account for the time zone change and the fact that we already had tickets for a Ford Rouge Factory Tour. It was very interesting to see the famed assembly line in action. We were also able to go to the Historic Trinity Lutheran Church for worship and a tour.



On Tuesday, we learned about the underground railroad and explored Greek Town, complete with an authentic Greek meal with Flaming Cheese! Opa!

Wednesday evening the Gathering officially began with a mass gathering in Ford Field. But, before the excitement of 30,000 Lutherans gathered together, we toured the Motown Museum. Seeing the famous site where the Jackson 5, The Temptations, and The Supremes recorded!



Among the 30,000 Lutherans gathered in Ford Field, we saw Paxton Leaf!



Thursday, Proclaim Justice Day, we were sent out into the neighborhoods of Detroit. We discovered what a logistical challenge it can be to send 10,000 Lutherans into the community. We were on a shuttle bus each morning of

the Gathering by 7:15am to get downtown for the day and did not return to our hotel before 11:00pm each night. While we arrived at our work site 3 hours later than expected, we were still able to have a positive outcome in the neighborhood. We helped to clean up an abandoned lot by clearing trash and cutting down overgrown brush and grass. We stacked over 75 tires that had been discarded in an empty garage. We were very tired by the end of the day.

Friday, Proclaim Story Day, we gathered with 400 of our closest friends from the Central States Synod for Bible Study and Worship with Bishop Gustafson. We also celebrated the anniversary of my ordination at the Hard Rock Café!

Saturday, Proclaim Community Day, had us in the Interaction Center. This was a day to learn about the many hats that the ELCA wears to be God's hands and feet in the world. The youth learned about ELCA World Hunger and participated in the Walk for Water. They also had the opportunity to sit in a wheelchair and maneuver through an obstacle course designed to show them how difficult life can be for those who have mobility challenges. The day ended at Ford Field with a performance by SKILLET!!

Sunday morning we arrived at Ford Field for closing worship with Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton. It is amazing to see communion shared among 30,000 gathered together. You could feel that the Holy Spirit was gathering these youth and preparing to send them out into the world for great things.

In an effort to avoid the traffic leaving downtown Detroit we crossed the street and went to the Detroit Tigers baseball game for a few hours.

We then drove through the night and arrived home in Wichita at 9:00am on Monday morning. I'm certain that all 35 of us on the bus took naps that day to catch up on the missed sleep over the week.

Thank you to the congregation for supporting the youth and helping to make this trip possible.







**\*\*WORSHIP\*\***

**Baptisms**



We welcome into the Lord's family Adelise Rose Falconburg, the great-granddaughter of Bert Kirkpatrick and Arise Neveah McIntire, the great-granddaughter of Ruth Albertin as well as the granddaughter of Jan Albertin. Adelise's sponsors are Heather and Hali Falconburg and Aeris's sponsor is Tressa Vogt.



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**Scripture Cake**



- 4-1/2 cups 1 Kings 4:22
- 1 cup Judges 5:25 (last clause)
- 2 cups Jeremiah 6:20
- 2 cups Samuel 30:12
- 2 cups Nahum 3:12
- 2 tsp. 1 Samuel 14:25
- A Pinch of Leviticus 2:13
- 6 Jeremiah 17:11
- 1-1/2 cups Judges 4:19
- 2 tsp. Amos 4:5
- Season to taste with 11Chronicles

**HEAR MY PRAYER**

from Wanda, Ruth Albertin's sister

Blessed Savior, Hear my prayer.  
I place myself in Your loving care.  
Be with me at this time in my life  
And guide the surgeon that wields the knife.

Give me the strength I need today  
To go through surgery, Lord, I pray  
Be with each doctor and each nurse  
And help me not to fear the worst.

Help me trust that I will be  
Held in Your hands protectively.  
And when this surgery is through  
I'll wake in recovery, safely with You.

Where with the help of family and friends  
Hospital staff and medicines,  
Conversation with You in prayer and song  
I'll be healed and healthy, and well and strong.

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### **YMT Birthday Bingo**



The Annual All Saints Birthday & Bingo Event was held July 18 from 2-5pm. There were 21 active Bingo players that came to join the fun and celebrate their birthdays. Everyone won a prize.. or two... or more - no

one went home empty handed! It was a fun event and all participants had a good time, even when their number refused to come out of the hopper! Thank You to all the participants for this annual event! Earnings from this fun event help fund attendees to youth gatherings. See you next July!!



### **Vacation Bible School 2015 - Everest**

By Pam Porsch



VBS was held June 22-26 from 6-8:30pm. We had 28 children participate in Everest VBS, where the kids discovered what it means to hold on to God's mighty power in every-

day life. Each evening began at Base Camp Sing & Play where Trek told his story of his desire to climb Mt. Everest and the problems he encountered and how God helped him overcome all the predicaments he faced. Each evening the kids participated in memorable Bible-learning activities, sang



catchy songs, played teamwork-building games, ate some yummy treats, experienced one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, and tested out some Sciency-Fun Gizmos that they took home every evening. Each day con-

cluded with family and friends joining with the kids for Summit Celebration which got everyone involved in living what they learned.

Organizers were Pam and Heather Porsch. Leaders for the stations were Pastor Elizabeth, Karolyn Braun, Karen Vogt, Tressa Vogt, Bert Kirkpatrick, Rory Cummings, Eric Braun, Loretta Holmes, Vicki Larsen, Trudy Doll, Trisha Clevenger, Nicki Christensen, William Casteel, Jayci Gonzales, MyKenzie McKusker, Ashley Chin,



Victoria Tjaden, Trace Tjaden, Derrick Marshall, Trey Gonzales, Avery Schill, Natasha Braun, and many more volunteers helped each night. Thank you to all the volunteers, the congregational members that donated items for



the week and the parents for bringing the kids! We had an AWESOME time!!

### Area 5 News

#### Area Ministry 5 people honored at Synod Assembly

Several Area Ministry 5 Pastors, an Associate in Mission (AIM) and a Parish Ministry Associate (PMA) were honored at the Synod Assembly. Larry Frank, PMA, Pr. Larry Blue, **St. John's** and Pr. Dave Fulton, **St. Paul's-Wichita** are pictured here.



#### Two Area 5 people were elected at the Synod Assembly.

Brittany Garrelts **Christ-Wichita** was elected to be a Young Adult Voting Member of the next Churchwide Assembly and Pr. Chad Langdon, **Christ-Wichita** was elected to Synod Council. Our thanks to Pr. Tom Hallstrom, **St. Paul's-Peabody**, who has been our Synod Council Representative.



Congratulations to Tim Meyer who graduated from Luther Seminary in May, pictured here with his wife, Donna. He is serving **Christ-Eureka** on an interim basis. Resurrection served as Tim's "teaching congregation" early on in his studies with Luther Seminary's Distributed Learning Program.

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### Who's That Lutheran Answers

1. Emma Atcheson
2. Jan Albertin
3. Bob Westerhaus
4. Rick Clements
5. Marcia Hampton
6. Trudy Doll
7. Trudy Doll
8. Leo Doll
9. Dustin Clevenger
10. Corey Evans
11. Trey Gonzales
12. Roger Johnson
13. Vicki Nunn
14. Leo Doll

### Congratulations to Pastor Sally!

Congratulations to Pastor Sally Fahrenthold. Pastor Sally has been recognized by the League of Women Voters Wichita-Metro as an "Outstanding Woman of Wichita" and is featured in their 95th Anniversary Calendar for her outstanding work in the community.



The League of Women Voters – Wichita Metro produced a calendar in celebration of the 95th anniversary of the 19th Amendment that gave women the right to vote. The calendar on each month's page features a Wichita-area woman who is involved in community leadership in some way. Pastor Sally Fahrenthold is presented for June 2016, on a page entitled "Our Modern Day Woman is the Epitome of Community Activist." It says, "Sally Fahrenthold, a Lutheran Minister with a keen awareness of all people. She has established food programs for children through 'Bridge the Gap.' With her quiet, gentle manner, she stands for the unrepresented. She is also fun to know!"

On the calendar page for August 2016, Betty Ladwig, member of St. Paul, Wichita, is recognized as a member of League of Women Voters. It says, "Betty Ladwig has spent years registering and educating voters. Her work with the less fortunate and children has provided those in our community with hope."

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*For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do.* Hebrews 6:10

## Camp Tomah Shinga



Thank you for letting me go this year. I had fun again. I went on hikes, the rock wall and swimming. The best one of all was swimming. I learned how to play one song on the piano. It was Mary Had a Little Lamb. I like their songs. My favorite is trumpet sounds. Thank you for letting me go.

- Taeden Marshall

Thank you for making it possible for me to go to camp for the fourth time. What I did was go on hikes, the rock wall, and go swimming. I got to learn how to play 3 songs on the piano. I would love to play them for you. This year was great. My favorite song is Baby Shark DoDoDo. We got to go on the rock cross. I got to paint a rock for it. It was hot all week, but we had lots of fun. We appreciate it a lot.

- Love Derick Krueger



- Brynna Christiansen

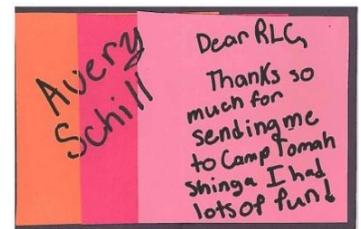


Camp Tomah Shinga was my first camp ever! I had so much fun that next year I want to go for a full week! My favorite part about camp was playing games. One of the games we played, we had to try to make it to one of the counselors with still having our bible and not being "caught." My counselors were Rosie and Anna, they were fun! Thank you WELCA for making it possible for me to go to camp.

- Madison Clevenger

I had lots of fun at camp! I got to learn new songs and play new games. One night we had a talent show. And we had a night when we got to play water games. We got soaked! I even got to go zip lining! The kids and staff there were very nice. Most of the girls in my cabin group were from a church in Springfield, Missouri.

- Avery Schill



Tomah Shinga was better than I thought it would be and I thought it was going to be super fun! We painted rocks and put them on the hillside rock cross. We also played a game called Romans and Christians, it was very fun! The pool there was very refreshing (but a little green) when it is like 100 degrees! I would love to go next year!

- Carlie Schill

Just like every other year, my week at Camp Tomah Shinga was amazing, and so much fun. It is such a wonderful place to spend time in nature and expand your knowledge about God; all while making new friends and doing so many great activities. Starting and ending the day with worship, eating yummy home cooked meals, along with camp games in the evening is definitely a great way to spend your week. And since this was my last year, it was an even greater experience.

- MyKenzie McKusker

I went to Horse Camp at Camp Tomah Shinga last week and it was amazing. Sunday was just like any normal day at camp. Monday we rode on a bus to a near-by 4H camp. There we learned about horses, went on trail rides and practiced our calf roping. Around noon we came back to camp and had normal bible camp, which consisted of bible study, swimming, games, rope course, quiet time and worship. Thursday was our last day with the horses, and Friday around noon our parents came and picked us up.



- Natasha Braun

My name is Emma Atcheson and the first time I went to Camp Tomah Shinga horseback riding camp it was scary because I thought I was going to fall off and die. It ended up being great because you would get the same horse everyday so you had a good bond with her. My horse was Peaches and she was great. The first day you would do a short trail and then the second day it was longer - it becomes longer each day.



The great thing is that you can do horse camp for half of the day and regular camp the next half which makes it exciting. They have worship in the morning on the bus on the way to the horses and at night back at camp. Worship is where you sing a lot of songs and do skits about God. At the very end there's a talent show where the whole group can do something. If you want you can do an act by yourself and have other people join. My group did the furniture skit it was the most exciting skit I've done in my past three years at Camp Tomah Shinga.

If you go to horseback riding camp, always be confident around the horse; they can sense your fear. I learned that at camp. It was a great experience and I challenged myself to ride even though I was scared and I did not get one single tick this year. I also challenged myself to try new foods and they were delicious! Even if you don't do the horseback riding, Camp Tomah Shinga is so much fun and I wish all kids had the chance to go. I want to go back next year and be a camp counselor when I grow up!

- Emma Atcheson

## **National Youth Gathering**

Thanks to the Congregation for the support for us to get to go. It was a very good experience. I really liked meeting new people and getting closer with people I already knew from the Wichita area. My favorite part of the gathering was the service project day. We worked with a congregation from Puerto Rico. I would love to go again!

- Brady Helton

My experience in Detroit, Michigan is unforgettable. Not just from the people and their way of life, but how I got closer to God by doing what we were made to do. The environment was just amazing from the historical churches to the Motown Museum. I really enjoyed the interaction with the community members and other Lutherans from across the nation. The sermons that were spoken by the presenters at the gathering were touching because they had their story and then shared it with us. It gave us an understanding of how hard and difficult their journey was. The most exciting part for me was when we went to the Motown Museum and got to see all of the artists and their history of how they made it big. I also enjoyed the experience of when we got to go out into the community and help rise up what had perished. I met tons of new people and made new friends along the way. The list could go on and on. I hope I can have an experience like this again and dig deeper in to what God has in store for me!

- Victoria Tjaden

Our week spent in Detroit was an amazing experience. I can't pinpoint one exact day or activity as being my favorite for the week. The entire week in itself was my favorite event. National Youth Gathering events are a great way to help out a community and learn a different culture without even leaving your own country. You meet so many different people from California to Puerto Rico. They make you look at your own community when you come back. And I was blessed enough to be able to go to two gatherings. Many thanks to the congregation for helping me get there and have a wonderful time.

- MyKenzie McKusker

**WELCA Book & Bake Sale**



The bake sale portion of this event is a delicious memory as it occurs only on the opening day of this month long fundraiser. You may have wondered what happened to the "leftovers" from the book part of the Book & Bake sale that WELCA promoted recently. Those items were packed into boxes and bags, then carted to fill the trunk of my car (and half the back seat) for a journey to a nearby DAV store. A gentleman there gladly received your generous donations and loaded them into the DAV truck for further distribution. So if you happen to recognize something you donated in another location, **thank you** for *your* assistance in keeping it in circulation amongst those who benefit from our abundant blessings! They do not get destroyed at the end of the sale period, as some may have wondered.



Each year WELCA uses the funds from this project to grant scholarships to our youth attending Camp Tomah Shinga. 2015 is a high record year with 10 campers; five are first-times, two girls have chosen the week of Horse Camp. Resurrection Lutheran Church members are kind-hearted and generous people!

Thank you,  
Anita Johnson

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**50¢ Greeting Cards**

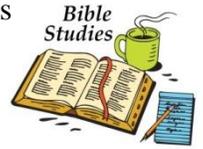
Yep! WELCA maintains a supply of boxed greeting cards and for those who need only one card, 50¢ cards. Boxed cards are \$5 for 12 cards. You'll find birthday, get-well, sympathy, thank you, graduation, baptism, confirmation, wedding, anniversary, thinking-of-you and Christmas cards. Nearly all cards have Bible verses.

Check out the supply in the Fellowship Hall. There's a separate box of single cards and an envelope for payments. Why spend \$3-\$5 for a greeting cards when you can get beautiful cards for 50¢ or less?

**WELCA Fall Bible Study - 'Slow Faith'**

By Evelyn Clark

What are the theological wages of our ever speeding-up, productivity-based society? What are the theological gifts or blessings that reside in the invitation to slow down? The Scripture offers a vision for living in God's time. The September WELCA Bible study begins a 3-session offering of a Biblical vision for pacing our lives entitled "Slow Faith."



Women of the ELCA/WELCA meet the second Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. at the church for Bible study, fellowship, and lunch. Make plans to join us.

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**Bad Girls Bible Study**



Our happy and well fed group (we enjoy healthy snacks) very much enjoys Bible study based on books and videos authored by Liz Curtis. Her writing style is captivating and the studies allow for as much or as little advance preparation as you wish. Bad Girls are presently engrossed in a study of Ruth, "*The Girl's Still Got it*". Author Joanna Weaver's commentary about the book, "With delightful humor and well-researched insight, we see Ruth's story as it truly is---the story of you and me."

Bad Girls will be delighted to have you join us for this 10:00 a.m. fourth Saturday fellowship and study. Our next study, also authored by Liz Curtis, is entitled, "*It's Good to be Queen*".

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**Correction**

Oooops! In the previous newsletter we mistakenly listed Anita Johnson as author of two poems. Actually Anita is the faithful contributor, but the poems, having no known author, should be attributed to that famous author, 'Anonymous'.





## **Spotlight on Marty and Roberta Gould**



Anyone attending worship at Resurrection has likely had the opportunity to hear Roberta and/or Marty Gould, our church pianists as they fill our sanctuary with beautiful music before, during and following worship. They share their musical gifts generously, offered with joy and competence.

Roberta was born in St. Joseph, MO. At age 5, she accepted Jesus as her savior and was baptized by immersion at age 10. Her deceased pastor parents both ordained for over 60 years served a number of churches. She has one brother, 9 years younger. By age 7, Roberta's parents recognized her musical gift and bought her a piano which she still has. In high school, she played both organ and piano for church, and in school was the accompanist for musical groups. Roberta worked at church youth camps and at age 14, travelled to Nogales, Mexico with her first mission trip and several other mission trips followed. In addition to music, favorite things growing up were reading, and listening to professional baseball on her little transistor radio. While living in Illinois, 'her' teams were the Chicago Cubs and Chicago White Sox. As a special one-time treat she was able to attend a game for each team.

Roberta graduated high school in Freeport, Illinois and enrolled in Central Bible College in Springfield, MO in 1971, majoring in music and child psychology. She tried out for the college's traveling choir, the Revivaltime Choir, one of the twenty students chosen from the hundred who applied. Although, he wasn't present at Roberta's try-out, later she did meet Marty, the choir's organist. They fell in love and after two years in college, Roberta received her 'MRS Degree' when she and Marty were married on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 1973 – over 42 happy years ago. They have three grown sons and ten grandchildren living in Florida, Georgia and Wichita.

Throughout their marriage, Roberta has been Marty's support staff and an organizer. Both she and Marty have written various articles that have been published in magazines and books. Roberta is a trained para-professional and has been working in the Haysville school system with middle school age children for 14 years. She supports the Christian club, 'Kids Caring for Christ' which meets early mornings before school. This past year this group grew to 45 kids. She plans to retire 'on paper' next June, but will be able to continue her work until she feels she is done. Roberta loves to read faith based mysteries and belongs to a book club. She enjoys shopping and watching movies.



Marty was born in Salina, KS the oldest of four children, 2 sisters and 1 brother, now deceased. For his Dad's work, at age 7 the family moved to Denver where he graduated from high school. The family attended an Assemblies of God Church where his folks always "took them to church" and he loved it. Marty accepted Jesus as his savior at age 5 and was baptized by immersion at age 12. Their church pianist taught Marty piano for four years. He has a gift for playing by ear, and then also learned to play written music. He sang in his church choir as a youth and recalls especially loving Sunday afternoon visits to a nursing home to play piano for their church services. He was recruited by a church member to play for some services at the Denver Rescue Mission.

