

Fifty Years of Faith

The History of

The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection
Roseville, Minnesota, from 1947 to 1997

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FOREWORD

This history of Resurrection's fifty years, gleaned from newsletters and other papers, contains stories of joy and sadness, purpose and confusion, success and failure. That is exactly what one should expect, for, although the church is "called, gathered, enlightened, and sanctified" by the Spirit, it still pursues its mission in this world. The story of Resurrection is rooted in and reflects the world of which it has been a part.

The congregation's growth paralleled the postwar growth of the inner-ring suburbs, which peaked in the late 1970's, about the time the "Resurrection Connection" was completed. As the growth moved north and the "nests" of those who built this church began to empty, the congregation had to deal with shrinking numbers and resources, as was true of the schools and other institutions of the neighborhood. While shrinking numerically, however, the congregation benefitted from the economic growth of the period and began to reflect the prosperity of the area.

Resurrection's fifty years can also be read as ecclesiastical history. Begun as a mission of the English District of the Lutheran Church -- Mo. Synod, it chose to follow the progressive, ecumenical spirit of the English District rather than the more conservative spirit of the Mo. Synod. Its move first into the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches and then into the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America happened thoughtfully and with relatively little conflict, due to competent leadership, both clergy and lay. The membership today is very pan-Lutheran in its origins and increasingly welcomes people of non-Lutheran backgrounds.

The congregation also grew in inclusivity during these years, accepting the full equality of women in ministry and dealing in a positive way with the issues raised by the ELCA's document on human sexuality. While lacking diversity of class or color, due mainly to the homogeneity of the suburbs, Resurrection has reflected Lutheranism's move towards a greater social consciousness in its study of issues and its volunteerism in projects like Meals on Wheels, Habitat for Humanity, and Loaves and Fishes. Its most significant contribution to the common good, of course, was the establishment of The Residence, in the face of much social and political pressure.

These fifty years have seen great changes in worship and Christian nurture. The adoption of the *Lutheran Book of Worship* brought with it a renewed emphasis on Baptism in the life of the faithful and on more frequent communion. The separation of confirmation from first communion resulted in earlier communions and more flexibility in the age of confirmation. The increasing pluralism of our society, the influence of the media on the culture, and the call for variety in worship have led to the use of a supplemental worship source, *With One Voice*, and to a continuing study of how best to inculturate the faith in a pluralistic, secularistic society.

Read this way, it could seem that the life of the congregation has simply been driven by forces outside its control. It is our belief, however, that the Holy Spirit has been guiding

us on this worldly pilgrimage and has brought us to this place. At times we have negotiated our challenges well; other times have been marked by very human failings, disagreements, and cross purposes. Especially painful was the congregational conflict of 1989-90, a time of great pain and loss for all. But the Spirit did not give up on us. The Spirit helped us to regroup, heal, and develop a unified mission. Now it is with great joy and thanksgiving that we celebrate this jubilee.

Robert A. Hausman
Pastor, Lutheran Church of the Resurrection
May 1997

Church isn't Just Stone and Glass

Church isn't just stone and glass,
Nor mortar, board and nail.
It's really so much more than that,
It's a place where God won't fail.

Church isn't just nave and cross,
Nor narthex, aisle and pews.
It's really so much more than that,
It's a place to hear The Good News.

Meet in pews, prairies or sandy shore,
Christians gathering more than one.
A church is really more than that,
It's a gift from God's only son.

by Al Mann



Fifty Years of Faith--The Chronology of The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection Roseville, Minnesota, from 1947 to 1997

Researched and compiled by Al Mann

Summer of 1945

At the direction of the English District of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod (LCMS) a canvass of Lake Owasso Community is conducted by a student attending Cross Lutheran Church with guidance from Rev. William Buege.

1947

February

Charged with starting a mission church in the Owasso Lake area, Rev. Reuben Langhans, current pastor of Cross Lutheran Church, again canvasses the area, sending penny post cards to hundreds of residences, then on. . .

March 9

55 people attend his first service, held in the Lake Owasso School. Music is provided by Betty Mahre. The ushers are Adolph Olson and Marlowe Muehlstedt.

March 16

31 people attend our first Sunday school. Teachers are Frank Gangl, Wm. Salverda, O.A. Painter, Mr and Mrs Walter Brunke. The first child baptized is Jeff Stephens, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Stephens Jr.

March 29

Seventeen Charter members agree to unite with the English District of the LCMS of St Paul. Officers are: Marlowe Muehlstedt, President; Walter Brunke, Secretary; and George Schubring, Treasurer.

April 19

Congregation chooses *Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Resurrection* as the official name because the church was formed at Easter time. Later that year, Mr. and Mrs. William Salverda generously donate the present property.

April 20

First adult confirmation class is held.

April 24

Eight zealous church women form the Ladies Guild at the home of Mrs. Herb Gustafson.

May 26

First Constitution is officially adopted.

December 21

There are now 65 in Sunday school each week!

1948

January

Work begins on a \$20,000 white, wood-frame church facing Victoria, against the wishes of Pastor Langhans who wants a larger, \$80,000 church (he called the approved plan a "bird cage"). Neighbor Paul Hafner, who builds barns and doesn't want "a surplus quonset hut across the street from his house", agrees to build the church; but much of the work is done by church-member volunteers.

March 8

Member/Pastor Ed Schmidt, who also runs Henke Book Store on Lexington Avenue, temporarily replaces Pastor Langhans when he resigns over new church building.

June 20

Our new church is dedicated fifteen months after the first organizational meeting. It's completion is made possible by a \$5,000, no interest loan from Redeemer Lutheran Church. The loan is paid off in five years with proceeds from annual roast beef dinners sponsored by the Ladies' Guild. Ed "Skis" Schmidt donates the three panel, stained glass window which now hangs at the end of the narthex.

June 2

First confirmation class begins with 7 children.

July

Walter Bruncke donates a pump organ to the church and Mrs. Orville Painter agrees to play it; but she can't pump it. A vacuum cleaner is installed to assist, but it is so noisy it has to be turned off during the sermon!

1949

May 8

After several part-time pastors, including Pastors Marweide and Trapp, Pastor Lehnert Ruthenbeck is installed as the church's first, full-time pastor.

1950

May 12

The first Mothers and Daughters Banquet is held, with Mrs. O.J. Painter as Toastmistress.

1951

April 8

Pastor Jerry Wagner of St Andrews Lutheran Church in Pittsburgh replaces Pastor Ruthenbeck, an Army Reserve Chaplain who was recalled to duty in the Korean War.

Summer

A parsonage for Pastor Wagner is purchased on Victoria Avenue directly across from the current church office.

September 20

Rally Day attendance is 146! (normal is 113).

1952

Summer

The church and parsonage were painted inside and out by the Men's Club with paint bought by the Ladies Guild. Bob Roller and Ray Gruetzman designed, constructed and installed a new church sign. When volunteers finish putting in the new basement ceiling, seven Sunday school rooms (each 10x12 feet) will be divided up by curtains.

October

Our first newsletter, called "The Resurrection", is circulated. Included is a warning from 1st Corinthians: "Every man praying or prophesying with his head covered dishonoureth his head. Every woman praying or prophesying with her head uncovered dishonoureth her head."

November 2

Our new choir, led by David Dittberner, sings for the first time. "All with singing voices are encouraged to join, especially tenors and sopranos". Sound familiar?

November

Members are encouraged to buy a Revised Standard Version of the Bible, newly released by Thomas Nelson.

December 7

Our first Stewardship Sunday. The nursery is now open during worship for children under four, mothers are asked to volunteer. We averaged 141 children in Sunday School this month, but it was crowded. We need more space!

1953

January

Pastor Wagner encourages members "to avail himself of the blessings of the Sacrament frequently; but if you don't, please occupy the left or south side of the church".

August 24

The newly formed building committee asks Architect Stade to prepare recommendations for expanding the church.

1954

Spring

A building fund is started. Margaret Readell becomes our first, part-time office secretary.

1955

January 8

At the annual meeting, the congregation votes to expand the church by attaching a new sanctuary and office facing Victoria. 260 communicants pledge \$36,000 above regular giving for three years for the down payment.

May 21

Dorothy and Eugene Bierwerth are the last couple married in the old frame church. On Monday, the wall is knocked out between the old church and the new addition (now the Montessori room) but the old

church remains intact.

October 2

A Cornerstone Laying Service is held to celebrate the beginning of construction of the new sanctuary and office.

1956

January 1

After eight years and grants of over \$19,000 from the English Synod, our church has become self-supporting.

January 15

The new \$91,000 brick addition to the church is dedicated "As a token of faith in God's Holy Word, our love to him and our fellowmen."

1957

March

Now serving 700 members (aver. attendance 300 w/50 teens) and a budget of over \$30,000, our church celebrates its 10th Anniversary with a drive to raise \$35,000 for improvements, equipment, debt reduction, and mission.

September 15

Sixteen Walther League Youth meet at the home of Dave Graham for volleyball, songs, hot dogs and chips. Boy Scout Troop 401 under Bob Roller meets weekly. Sunday School attendance is now 246 in 29 classes! Average weekly church attendance is 292 in three services. Pastor Wagner says, "The growth of the Sunday School is phenomenal, perhaps beyond the scope of a volunteer staff."

December 1

A Sanctuary lamp is presented to the church by the George Schubring family in memory of Helen Schubring.

1958

January

Dale Fisk, a student at Concordia College will serve as our organist and choir director.

April

Our Sunday school classes are bulging again and every possible space is in use. Next year we may have to rent rooms in Lake Owasso school or have two sessions.

May

Did you see our new bulletin board built by Gene Richter from materials donated by George Schubring. Don't forget to pick up your mite boxes on the tract rack.

October 19

Members approve the purchase of the lot adjacent to the church on the south for future parking. Mrs. David Graham replaces Margaret Readell as office secretary.

December 11

The Ladies Guild has its annual Christmas party.

1959

February

After 90 home calls, Pastor Wagner hopes to visit the remaining 116 homes by making eight calls one night each week. Please be patient, he'll be there!

March

The council approves the position of Director of Education and Youth, and appoints Ed Wolfe as chair of the employment committee to search for someone to fill the job. Our first building committee begins study of church expansion.

October 1

Mrs. Jean Quesnel replaces Mrs. David Graham as office secretary two days a week.

1960

January

We now have 890 baptized members, 483 communicant members, an average weekly attendance of 371, and there are 332 children attending our crowded Sunday school.

May

The ELC, ALC and UELC combine into the TALC Synod. Later, it became just ALC, but the LCA is still larger. Alphabet soup!

August 21

The Congregation calls Lorenz Steyer as Director of Education and Youth, a full-time position, but he declines.

1961

January 8

We extend a call to Paul Schreivogel as Director of Education and Youth, but he also declines . . . Keep your committee on this, Ed!

March 10

Carl Witt declines . . . Better boost the pay, Ed!

March 15

The Building Committee signs a contract with architect Stade to begin plans for further expansion.

June 9

Wayne Duchow becomes our first Director of Education and Youth. . . . Thanks Ed! Wayne served us well for eight years!

September 20

Pastor Duchow begins ASREP, a popular After School Religious Education Program for grades three to eight.

1962

January 14

With average attendance of 385 (it doubled in six years) members approve a 400-person church (w/100 overflow) and pledge \$50,000 for it. "The church will be built..." pastor says, "soon--if together we serve and sacrifice."

March 1

Weekly newsletters replace monthly ones. Have you seen the newly painted church basement? Thanks to the property committee,

- Gene Richter, Chairman. Thanks also to Ernie Markham for our newly plowed parking lot.
- September 9 Forty adults meet for Bible study on Sunday night.
- November 29 A new masthead replaces former "Church-O-Gram" on our weekly newsletter.
- December ASREP attendance is averaging 100 per week now!
- 1963**
- May 23 Congregation votes to have worship at 8 and 11 AM, and Sunday School at 9 and 10 AM, making unnecessary the continued rental of the new Lake Owasso School (in the facility now operated by Meredith Cable). We now have 230 children weekly with 90 in high school and 35 in college.
- Dec. 15 After receiving 2,000 ft. of fill dirt, free from the Whitsides, grading begins on the parking lot.
- 1964**
- January 26 Our 96 Sunday school teachers are honored, getting 15 year pins are M/Ms. Carl Radke and Charles Brandt.
- February Don't forget to save your postage stamps. Synod goal this year is \$10,000!
- May 3 The Congregation votes to borrow \$272,000 and begin construction on the new church--if the rain ever stops. We also begin our Visiting Elder Program, "To encourage one another in faith, to be of assistance to one another, Christian brothers and sisters to one another, and to practice charity."
- June Work begins on the new church. Can you feel the excitement? Meanwhile, the old frame church needs to be painted; call Tom Decker if you can help.
- September 13 On Rally Day, Sunday School attendance reached an all time high: 311 students! Average church attendance is 435!
- 1965**
- January In the past ten years, we have tripled in size. We now have thirty children in confirmation classes and 131 in ASREP on Wednesdays after school from 4:30 to 7:00 PM.
- January 10 A fund was started to buy a brand new organ.

- February Because the African mahogany (to be stained walnut) is not available for the new pulpit and altar, our new church won't be dedicated in March as planned; but you may inspect the new building on Sunday, Feb. 28th.
- May 16 The current sanctuary and fellowship hall, costing \$272,727, is dedicated. Dr. Martin E. Marty, a long time friend of Resurrection, preaches at worship.
- June 16 Upon his reelection, Pres. Harms of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, states: "We affirm our trust in God's infallible Word..." A motion to remove Pete Seeger, a controversial folk singer, from the Walther League Snow Valley Program is defeated 335 to 291.
- July 13 Mr and Mrs Don Standen are hired as choir director and organist, respectively.
- October Pastors Wagner and Duchow don't accept calls from other churches--Thank the Lord! Pastor Duchow thanks members for helping during his wife's bout with rheumatic fever.
- October 28 The newly organized Women's Service League meets. Mrs. Shirley Liebenow is elected as the first president.
- November The Council approves the following: The lower level of the church building is called the "Fellowship Hall"; the old frame church is called the "Children's Chapel".
- December 18 The Couples Club has a progressive dinner.
- 1966**
- January The Hostess Circle and the Sunshine Club, who will visit shut-ins, are forming now. We need your help, ladies!
- February Our old sanctuary is converted into a Youth Center with crafts, ping pong, volley ball, basketball and more.
- March 30 to 40 of our nearly 100 junior and senior high youth use the Youth Center every Tuesday night from 7 to 9 PM. Youth Director Duchow expects to open the center more often, including an after-sports night on Friday.
- June 19 Returning after six years, Dr. Timothy Rhee, a Korean Missionary and medical doctor who treats lepers on a remote Korean island, preaches at the 9 o'clock service.

- April 3 Pastor Wagner has an open house for the entire church. "Please arrive alphabetically, if you can," he says.
- August 2 A new Constitution establishes these three-member boards: Elders, Trustees, Evangelism, Social Action, Youth, Education, Stewardship and Mission.
- September 15 Robert Schultz is installed as Minister of Music.
- October First services are held by Pastor Wagner at the new Lake Ridge Nursing Home on Victoria.
- 1967**
- January 8 Congregation approves a new organ, expected to cost \$20,000 and be installed by December--fast for an organ! Average attendance in 1966 was 460 in church, 317 in Sunday School, 234 in VBS, and 130 in ASREP.
- January 18 In eleven years, LCMS Walther League Youth have raised \$1.4 million for the LCMS Medical Mission, selling Wheat Ridge Christmas Seals. . . . Now that's kid power!
- May 21 Our 20th Anniversary. There are now 300 families (770 communicants) and 1,180 baptized members (aver/Sunday: 460). Since 1947, there have been 440 baptisms, 53 burials and 55 weddings at Resurrection Church. In all, 315,000 people have attended 2,100 services and given \$650 million to serve God . . . to which we all say, Alleluia!
- October 26 Ninety members sign up for Bethel Bible Series, to be taught by 12 members, especially trained in a thirteen-month course . . . Classes were full by April.
- November The present, 14-rank (23 stops) Hallman pipe organ (built in Ontario Canada) is installed, serving well our three choirs (70 children 35 adults). The cost is \$19,978.00.
- December 15 Congregation grants Pastor Wagner "a peaceful release" to accept a call from St Andrews Lutheran in Pittsburgh. The search for a new pastor begins. Council approves Jim Johnson as our missionary in Cebu, Philippines.
- 1968**
- January 14 Farewell dinner is held for Pastor Wagner and his wife. He was given a six-volume Interpreters' Bible; she an Adler sewing machine...Thanks Jerry for helping us grow. Dr. Mark Hillmer will be our interim pastor, along with our own, Pastor Wayne Duchow.

- March 17 Our Hallman organ is dedicated at a recital by Dr. Paul Manz, the consultant who helped us choose the organ.
- September 8 Daniel Fuelling, formerly of Zion Lutheran Church in Bensenville, Ill, replaces Jerry Wagner, our pastor for seventeen years, and moves into newly purchased \$30,000 parsonage at 3223 Emmert in Roseville. Pastor Fuelling was born in Yorkville, Ill (where his father was pastor) and graduated from Concordia Seminary in St Louis.
- November 1 The Angelus, the church newsletter, is circulated for the first time. The name is taken from a famous Millet oil painting of a farmer and his wife praying in response to the Angelus (church bells that rang three times a day). The Elders recommend our two pastors have one day a week for rest with no duties. . . The congregation says, AMEN!
- 1969**
- April Jim and Audrey Stensgaard will oversee our eighteen boy acolytes, all from grades 6th through 9th.
- August 18 Wayne Duchow, Director of Education and Youth accepts a call from the Inter-synodical Youth Adult Ministry in Minneapolis. He is replaced, on an interim basis, by our own Gene Heuer, currently a teacher at Concordia Academy.
- Fall Thirty, husband-wife teams make cottage visits to church members, resulting in a five percent pledge increase. Still, attendance is down from last year from 490 to 460.
- November 10 Four members of our church Boy Scout pack receive Eagle Scout awards, the top scouting honor.
- 1970**
- January 11 Second revision to the Constitution is adopted, expanding the Board of Elders to six members. The other boards are left intact with essentially the same tasks.
- March Jim Johnson, our missionary in Cebu, reports that our goat project is doing well, with 13 of 25 goats already given to needy families . . . but six others have died.
- July 12 Larry Norton, replaces Eugene Heuer as Director of Education and Youth. Currently he is Director of Youth at Calvary Lutheran Church in Kansas City, Missouri.
- August The bell from our old frame church is taken to Cimmaron, NM and installed in the chapel at the Philmont Boy Scout Ranch. Jane Burt

takes Resurrection youth to Bendcroft, Tennessee (in Appalachia) for the first time.

November 29 Dr. Martin E. Marty, a seminary friend of Pastor Fuelling, preaches on the first Sunday of the church year at a contemporary rock service with the senior choir and a brass section conducted by Music Director Robert Schultz.

1971

April 8 Ed Keith Wolfe III, son of Ed and Lorraine, became the first (and only) current member to be ordained in our church. Service conducted by Rev. Paul Schuessler, pastor of Pilgrim Church (LCMS) in St Paul.

April 10 Pastor Fuelling conducts our first Triduum: Confession and Absolution on Maundy Thursday, the Good Friday Liturgy, followed by the lighting of the Pascal candle in a dramatic Easter Vigil Service late Saturday Night.

September 14 At a congregational meeting, church members vote to separate the Rite of Confirmation from First Communion, which now will be given to qualified sixth graders.

1972

A memorial year: The 125 Anniversary of the LCMS, the 100th Anniversary of the English District, and the 25th Anniversary of our church, where there are now 816 members and 427 children attending Sunday school.

May 14

At a called congregational meeting, a motion by Margarete Stephens to build a facility for the mentally handicapped in a northern suburb is approved, using the 25th Anniversary Thank-offering of \$1,300 as seed money. Later, \$8,600 was raised. Don Severson will chair a committee and lead the project.

Editor's note: THE RESIDENCE was the first such home in Minnesota; there are now over one hundred. It was a totally new and controversial idea then; but it is now the accepted way to house mentally challenged adults. . . .Thanks to Don, and all church members who helped.

1973

May

Robert Schultz retires as Minister of Music and replaced by Paul Schmalz. The Lots O' Saving Shoppe opens on Payne Avenue in St. Paul.

July

At the National Convention of LCMS held in New Orleans, Resolution 2.12 is passed interpreting Article II of the synod constitution as requiring the formation and adoption of synod doctrinal statements that are "binding upon all its members".

Particularly nettlesome is the statement that, "all events described in the scriptures actually occurred."

1974

January

A letter is sent to Rev. Paul Schuessler, St. Paul Circuit Counselor, opposing Resolution 2.12 of Article VII of the LCMS Constitution which states: "...no resolution of the synod imposing anything upon an individual congregation is of binding force." Our church council asks Rev. Preus, President of the LCMS, to come to the church to explain his support of Resolution 2.12.

February 3

Reverend Preus explains his views on the sanctity of the Bible and his support of Res. 2.12 to the congregation.

February 18

The services of 40 members (90%) of the St Louis Seminary faculty are abruptly terminated for not teaching that, "all events described in the Bible actually happened". They become known as "The Seminary-in-Exile" (Seminex).

March 10

Reverend Dr. Tietjen, St Louis Seminary President and classmate of Pastor Fuelling comes to Resurrection Church to speak against Res. 2.12, and in support of Seminex.

March 12

The English District Board asks congregations to give money for Seminex, which re-forms in Chicago.

March 24

At a special meeting called by Wayne Griesel, council president, the congregation votes to send a letter of support for the Seminex to the President of the English District Board and a letter of non-support of Res. 2.12 to the Circuit Counselor. The council agrees to send 25% of the church's synod contribution to Seminex.

April 16

Larry Norton leaves for a call in Valpariso, Ind.

August

Paul Schmalz resigns as Minister of Music. Wayne Duchow fills in as a part-time Education and Youth Director.

October 12

Trustees approve a contract for new parking lot. Doctor Tietjen is fired and branded a heretic, but backed by Reuben Langhans, Pastor of Redeemer who began our church.

October 15

Resurrection becomes involved with "Home delivered Meals" for shut-ins for the first time. Lorraine Wolfe is the coordinator. Many years later, we join "Wheels on Meals" with Caroline Griesel as coordinator.

December 29

Craig Ford, Seminex supporter, becomes our new Minister of Youth

and Educ. during a time when the church is "...clouded by the fruit of human weakness and our synodical strife. It ought not be so," says Pastor Fuelling. . . . To which we all cried, "AMEN, brother!"

1975

February

There are now SEVEN Women's circles: Ruth, Phoebe, Lydia, Miriam, Rachel, Elizabeth and Naomi.

August 13

Audrey Rothmaler becomes our Director of Education and Youth, replacing Craig Ford who resigned. Council President Ron Kaliszewski is authorized to form a committee to study "alternative relationships with LCMS" ...like possibly leaving it!

November 7

After much litigation to overcome the, "It's a good idea but don't put it in our neighborhood syndrome", the first Residence, home for eight mentally handicapped woman, opens in Shoreview, largely due to Don Severson, Chairman of the Residence Board and Don Zibell, the Treasurer.

1976

May

Wayne and Carolyn Griesel attend Annual Conference of ELIM (Evangelical Lutherans In Mission) which becomes the AELC (Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches). ELIM supports Seminec and favors a "more progressive" LCMS, including female pastors, now used in the English District.

August 2

Cindy Pummill, a senior at Concordia, becomes our Youth Director.

October 16

At a specially called meeting, after surprisingly little debate, 85 percent of the congregation votes to take a giant leap of faith and leave the LCMS, along with other English district churches, and become part of the newly formed English Synod in the American Evangelical Lutheran church.

December 11

A proposal to connect our two church buildings is made by Architect William Reese, who recommends, "No renovation of the old church because it is a firetrap and cannot be updated to meet today's state building codes".

1977

January 9

Council approves spending \$3,000 on preliminary architect's plans to connect our two church buildings.

April 1

Survey of Resurrection Church growth is compared with area churches. Conclusion: "Resurrection is going positive (1130 baptized members) but we should set goals and decide what we believe as a Congregation!"

- Summer The Second RESIDENCE is opened as a home for eight mentally handicapped men.
- September Carol Stephens will coordinate our SIX women's circles: Ruth, Phoebe, Miriam, Rachel, Naomi and Lydia.
- 1978**
- January 22 At the annual meeting a committee is formed to look into joint ventures with Shepherd of the Hills, who are also hoping to expand their youth and building programs.
- August 21 Jeff Larson, a graduate of Augustana College in Sioux Falls becomes the joint Youth Director for Shepherd of the Hills and Resurrection Churches.
- October We begin using the new Lutheran Book of Worship (the green book) which replaces the red Service Book and Hymnal.
- 1979**
- June The white-frame church is torn down to make way for the new addition connecting the office and the church.
- July 23 Dave Olson is called (and ordained) as Asst. Pastor of Evangelism and Social Action.
- September Light in God's House Together (LIGHT) classes begin with three mentally handicapped children under the leadership of Audrey Rothmaler. Three more join quickly and begin a four-year program leading to confirmation.
- October 23 With Jerry Kidd, Council President, the members vote to borrow \$400,000 to connect the present sanctuary with the Sunday school building (now the Montessori room). They also agree to sell the parsonage to Pastor Fuelling.
- November 16 The "RESURRECTION CONNECTION" is complete. Our Sunday school and office are now connected with the church, plus we have six more Sunday school rooms, a new library, a choir room and a beautiful Fireside Room.
- December 3 The Third RESIDENCE is dedicated, home to six multiple handicapped youngsters, ages eight to fourteen.
- December 9 Resurrection Church donates \$1,096 toward the building fund of Christ the King Lutheran Church in Bangbaedong Korea, an expanding suburb of Seoul Korea.

1980

January

A beautiful Pascal candle holder is donated to the church by the Rollers, the Reinhardts, and the Hagens in memory of John Hagen who was killed in a racing car accident. Bob Roller helped design it. Ben Stephens III restored and reframed the stain glass window from the old church. ... By the way, don't miss hearing Dr. Robert Hausman, Professor of New Testament Studies at Luther Theological Seminary of St Paul, teach a course this month on Luke.

February 17

Ken and Hai Chau and their children, Phoung and Minh, our Vietnamese refugee family, arrive from a camp in Malaysia. They lived in the Fireside Room for eleven days until the Liebenows find them an apartment.

Spring

The first of many Recycled Aluminum Drives is held by Gene Richter with proceeds going to The Residence.

July 5

Jeff Larsen goes to a half-time Youth Ministry.

August 17

The Montessori School opened at Resurrection Church, and we are happy to have them . . . and still are!

1981

February

Professor Robert Hausman teaches a course on Acts and is well received again.

May 13

Pastor Fuelling asks members to consider a merger of the AELC (not considered a permanent organization) with the ALC and LCA. Chuck Brandt, our President, Carolyn Liebenow, President of Resurrection Women, and Linda Lee, Chair of Resurrection Youth Board, all favor the merger.

May 15

Dorothy Chapman leaves as Senior Choir Director.

March

Under Audrey Rothmaler's leadership, the church is divided into twelve "Mini-parishes" of 25 families, each with two trained leaders who serve as a communication link between Mini-parish families and the congregation. Those new to the parish, in need of financial aid, sick in mind, soul or body--or just lonely, are given aid and comfort by the members, through the mini-parish leaders.

March 12

The Human Rights Commission reports that 10,500 Southeast Asian refugees have come to Minnesota (approx. 800/ month) because of the services provided, the loving attitude extended, and the willingness to accept them. Many more are expected.

September 1

Susan Burdick, with a degree from St. Olaf in Social Work replaces

Jeff Larson as Youth Director for Shepherd of the Hills and Resurrection.

- November 2 A new synod program, Women in Action for Mission (WAM), begins a chapter at Resurrection Church.
- 1982**
- February 5 Norma Kitzman, our first WAM "Woman of the Month" is recognized by Women of the Church President, Lu Zibell.
- March 31 "TOGETHER" a fund to pay for connecting our two churches now has \$155,290, 86% of the \$188,546 needed.
- May 9 Professor Don Juel, a recognized expert on the Book of Mark, lectures in the Fireside Room on "Discipleship in this Modern World". He and his family joined in 1995.
- May 11 Shepherd of the Hill cuts their Youth Pastor job, ending our joint youth ministry; but an anonymous donor funds a half-year salary for the position at Resurrection.
- May 24 On Pentecost Sunday, a First Communion service is held for our mentally handicapped LIGHT students.
- July 30 Susan Burdick and twenty Resurrection and Shepherd of the Hills youth descend upon Boone, North Carolina along with young people from all over the country to help restore and repair homes of the very poor in Appalachia.
- August Luther Theological Seminary and Northwestern Lutheran Theological Seminary combine into the Luther-Northwestern Seminary.
- September 5 First synod meeting to discuss the possible merger of the AELC (of which Resurrection and the English synod are a part) with the LCA and the ALC.
- September 19 Susan Burdick becomes our full-time Youth Director . . . much to everyone's relief.
- 1983**
- January 23 First of many "Poor Man's Dinner" is held to raise money for a youth work camp in Appalachia this summer.
- February Our church receives \$500 from a nonmember family because, "The youth program at Resurrection has become a real Christian inspiration to many young people in our community". The money goes to our next Appalachia trip.

- October "Warm a Winter Window" begins; a fund to purchase winterized windows for the church. 68 are needed at \$170 each.
- September 10 Susan Burdick marries Bob Carrigan, a member of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church.
- September 11 Dan Fuelling, our pastor for fifteen years, resigns to become the administrator of a seventy bed, Good Samaritan nursing home in Tyndall, South Dakota. Thanks for your wonderful work, Dan.
- October The church pays tribute to Jean Quesnel on her 25th Anniversary as Church Secretary . . . Thanks, Jean.
- 1984**
- January 22 Pastor Robert (Bob) Hausman, of Luther Seminary (former Professor at Concordia College in River Forest, Ill.) is installed as pastor, "with no personal agenda, except as partner to this congregation in our mission of representing Christ to the community and to the world. We will discover the contours of that ministry together and we will grow together. Together, we will affirm who we are and our ministry in this place..." Prophetic words for us.
- March 13 Our church sponsors a Romanian refugee, thanks to Bev Decker, who coordinated the effort, and to Carolyn and Will Liebenow who offered their home to him until further arrangements could be made and his family brought over.
- April 16 Pastor encourages members to "be prepared" for worship by "Coming a few minutes early, read the order of service and mark the appropriate Psalms; also to commune individually not as a group".
- June Susan Carrigan (Susan Burdick) takes a group of Resurrection and Shepherd of the Hills youth to Eagle Pass, Texas for a week as part of Project Amigo. They will go to Piedras Negras, Mexico and repair homes of migrant farm workers. "The last two years," Susan says, "they went to Appalachia, this time they wanted to help someone else."
- July A committee is formed to study possible changes in the chancel, "to make it less congested and wheelchair accessible, to aid pastor's visibility, and to strengthen sagging floors (which still hasn't been done). Marge Pollack will chair the committee.
- September 5 Pastor encourages members to, "Say amens loud and with conviction (but not necessarily everyone at the same time) and to use the sign of the cross at the appropriate times during worship."

1985

- January Peter Marty begins his eighteen-month internship at Resurrection.
- June 15 Jean Quesnel retires as church secretary, replaced by Nancy Wallis. . . . Thanks so much, Jean.
- December Another busy year for Lu Zibell, Pres. of church women (WAM) and the now FIVE circles which support: The Lots of Savings Shoppe, Dorothy Day Center, Loaves and Fishes, The Residence, Homebound meals, the Wednesday Women, The Altar Guild and so much more. . . . Our thanks to all women volunteers.
- December 29 Audrey Rothmaler departs. At her reception she is praised for her creative VBS and children sermons, and as Director of LIGHT classes for the mentally retarded, Co-administrator of the Mini-parish program and as a trained PREPARED/ENRICH Counselor, in addition to co-authoring two books: Congregational Outreach and Care, and The End Times.

1986

- February The Odd Jobbers begin meeting on Tuesday morning to make repairs on the church. Many thanks to Bill Quesnel, Ed Wolfe, Bill Bailey, Ed Bergemann and Ray Gruetzman.
Editors Note: The first church handyman group, called the Men's Club, was eventually disbanded when Pastor Wagner added bible study!
- March 14 After meeting irregularly for many years, a group of Resurrection women, who make crafts for the annual church bazaar and quilts for Lutheran World Relief, formally become "The Wednesday Women" but their work continues unabated... Thanks ladies!
- May 13 Meredith Hedenstrom, Linda Lee, Gene Richter, Ann Muehlstedt, and Ed and Lorraine Wolfe receive training in the Befriender Program, which replaces the Mini-parish. They will implement the program at the end of the year.
- July 15 Peter Marty completes his internship. Church members donate \$500 toward his moving expenses to River Forest, Illinois where he has a call at Grace Lutheran Church.
- December Youth Pastor, Susan Carrigan, had three to five youth programs EVERY month this year plus weekly rap groups. The Physical Planning Committee, chaired by Will Liebenow, met 21 times to prepare the Site Master Plan and brochure which explains Phase I, II and III of the Property Development Plan. . . . Thanks, Will!

1987

- March 3 Resurrection inaugurates a Shrove Tuesday Celebration before Lent, a night filled with fun and games, costumes and good cheer. Did you see that wig Pastor wore?
- June 28 Dr. Martin E. Marty, longtime friend of Resurrection Church, preached at our Fortieth Anniversary Celebration.
- August 1 Tim Strand becomes Director of Music, replacing Wanda Dubbe, who retired. Tim will direct the senior choir. Bonnie Doole will lead the children's choir.
- August 24 Chris Thompson replaces Nancy Wallis as church secretary. (Later elevated to Church Administrator).
- August 31 After serving Resurrection faithfully for six years, Susan Carrigan leaves us to become a full-time mother of two. . . .Thanks Susan!
- September 28 First quarter of the Luther-Northwestern Seminary Lay School of Theology at Resurrection Church begins with, "What Does it Mean to be Born Again" taught by Dr. Michael Rogness.
- October Gene Richter raises \$14,000 for The Residence through recycling. . . .Thanks, Gene!
- December 6 A superb Advent Choral Vespers is conducted by Tim Strand. We now have 40 volunteers in Altar Guild, led by Evelyn Kath and Pauline Anderson. Also 50 nursery volunteers, led by Sherry Kim, Lois Moen, Linda Olson and Janet Christianson. Grace Mitchell is now helping Jim and Audrey Stensgaard with our 40 male AND female acolytes. . . . Thanks to all of you!

1988

- January 3 Resurrection Church joins 11,000 other Lutheran churches in the new 5.3 million member Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA) combining AELC, LCA and ALC. . . .Ending our alphabet soup!
- January 10 Lowell O. Erdahl is installed as Bishop of the East Metro Synod; Alice Hausman becomes Vice Pres and Lu Zibell joins the Board for Health, Education and Social Service Institutions. Tim Strand, Bonnie Doole and Jan Christianson play at the reception that follows.
- January 25 Professor James Limburg of Luther-Northwestern Seminary begins a class at Resurrection Church on the Book of Isaiah.

- February 7 Mark Gardner becomes our Director of Christian Education and Youth.
- February 15 Ed Wolfe installs our first office computer with a station in pastor's office. Jack Thompson (Chris' husband) becomes full-time custodian. The Council approves Phase I Parking Lot renovation for handicapped parking and the installation of an elevator (to make our church wheelchair accessible) plus a parking lot drop off and new church signage--a \$65,000 project!
- March 27 We have a live donkey for Palm Sunday!
- April We donate our old black choir robes to the Good Samaritan Center of Arthur, North Dakota.
- Summer The elevator is installed, along with an asphalt parking lot; but contributions are down. Some members are unhappy about the changes being made and are leaving.
- October 2 SEARCH begins, a Sunday evening class that will study 22 books of the Bible, in depth. Led by Kent Johnson.
- December 11 The Baptismal Font is moved to the Narthex to aid movement around the altar during Christmas season; also, to remind us that we first entered the church through baptism. Pastor suggests that "as you leave the church, it is appropriate to dip your fingers into the baptismal water and make the sign of the cross." The Deacons and Council concur, but the rite doesn't sit well with some church members, who leave the church.
- 1989**
- January 12 During a called congregational meeting, concern is expressed over changes proposed for the chancel, the loss of special fifth Sunday services, having communion every week, and moving the baptismal font to the narthex . . . all approved by the Deacons and the Church Council.
- January 28 The first Victorian Dinner and Musicale, a fund-raiser sponsored by the senior choir, is held in the church.
- February 26 In an effort to avoid further discomfort and to assuage worried minds, a twenty person worship committee is formed (adjunct of the deacons) to assist pastor and the director of music in planning and executing worship service and serve as a communication link with members.
- February 28 After 17 years, Don Severson and Don Zibell sign over assets and

maintenance of THE RESIDENCE to Lutheran Social Services with loving words: "These twenty-eight beautiful people were placed in our trust, and we took very seriously that trust in placing them in a new situation. We are convinced that LSS will continue the quality of care that we were so proud of." The Residence is a legacy of which all at Resurrection Church can be proud. . . . Thanks to all who made it possible.

- March 19 A formal survey indicates that members are roughly divided on the placement of the baptismal font, changes to the chancel, whether to have communion every Sunday, and if we should have more variety in our worship services (fifth sunday programs).
- April 15 Mark Gardner resigns as Director of Education and Youth because, "The congregation's identity crisis and the current financial situation made my future here uncertain." His position will not be filled.
- April 22 A workshop is held by Fred W. Lee, a crisis mediator, recommended by Bishop Erdahl, to help us resolve our differences. The workshop is helpful but some members feel left out and hurt. More leave the church.
- May Responding to the survey of member preferences, the following will be tried: Communion every Sunday at the late service, every other Sunday at early service.
- Spring A beautiful set of handbells is purchased with memorial money from Catherine Posteme and from Janice and Russ Wann. A Handbell Choir will be formed. . . . Any volunteers?
- June 22 A follow-up meeting is held with those most dissatisfied with worship services. The result: More members leave.
- August 7 At a Service of Reconciliation and Renewal, Pastor Hausman says, "Enough with the discord, let's make an honest confession that, we have failed to be everything we are intended to be; [lets] forgive each other for the past and move on with a new resolve that the future will be different for each of us, [and] that it will be more in tune with what God had intended this Christian Community to be."
- October 29 After 30 years of service, Augie Anderson retires as head of the early service usher team. . . . Our thanks, Augie!
- 1990**
January Mission of the Month is inaugurated and becomes a staple of our church giving. Council charges President Kent Olson to appoint a task force to develop plans to increase church revenue and make up

- projected budget short fall caused by a 16% decrease in church membership.
- April 22 Nonalcoholic wine first added to communion tray.
- April 29 Our junior choir, led by Bonnie Doole, presents "Daniel, Darius and De-lion" with Jeremy Anderson as "De-lion".
- May 20 Our handbell choir performs for the first time.
- May 27 The common cup is offered during Communion along with individual cups to better serve member's preferences.
- June Stewardship committee hold cottage meetings to tell members about endowing funds to the church through Lutheran Brotherhood.
- September 28 Jack Thompson resigns as custodian due to heart problems. We wish him well. A cleaning service is hired but they don't replace Jack's loving care or wry sense of humor.
- October Some members donate directly to synod now, because it is not on the budget. Long time members are still leaving giving us a 15% shortfall on an already reduced budget.
- October 29 "Celebrate a Miracle" dinner revue is held to raise money for synod, a new boiler, and to give pastor a belated pay raise. We raised \$9,580 (\$5,738 to Synod, \$1,300 to pastor, the remainder to operating expenses).
 Editor's Note: By then we had borrowed \$22,000 from restricted funds, which we are still paying back.
- November 11 Resurrection exchanges clergy and lay leaders with St. Odilia Catholic Church as part of the Lutheran/Catholic Covenant at a special All Saints service.
- 1991**
- January Jack Thompson is back but part time only. We begin paying back our restricted fund loan. Membership finally stabilizes: more members are added than leave.
- February Resurrection holds a Mission Fair to raise funds for the ELCA mission in Tanzania. Featured speaker: Alick Mhanga of the Iringa Diocese in Tanzania.
- March 3 Barbara Thompson leads congregation in a seder, a ritualized meal commemorating Jewish Passover, hosted by the SEARCH Bible Group. . . . Our thanks to Janice Wann!

- March 15 Our own Pastor David Anderson holds a Life and Faith Enrichment Retreat at the Shoreview Community Center.
- April 9 Pastor Hausman hosts our first forum on Perspectives of Homosexuality, after serving for eighteen months on a synod committee studying a similar subject.
- June 12 Rev. April Larson, Assistant to Bishop SE Minn. Synod (later the first ELCA female bishop) preaches at Becky Lundin's funeral. April is Jan Christianson's sister.
- September 15 First Service with a wheelchair accessible communion rail, thanks to Ed Wolfe and our ever faithful Tuesday Morning Odd Jobbers. The first "Brunch Bunch" is held after late Service. The program, "Families in Social Ministry", is hosted by our own Gloria Anderson.
- October 13 A Prayer Book is placed in the narthex for those who wish a prayer said for loved ones during worship. Later, a tree is planted in accordance with the site plan in memory of Becky Lundin. Members are invited to continue this tradition, and to review the proposed changes to the chancel recommended by Architect Pohlman in 1987.
- November 3 A "Book of the Dead" is placed in the narthex during November, beginning on All Saints Day, so members can have a prayer said for past loved ones.
- December 18 Mailboxes for all members are mounted on the wall in the narthex by Ed Wolfe and the Odd Jobbers. . . . Thanks guys!
- 1992**
- March 1 Members from Resurrection visit San Martin Lutheran Church in West St Paul, beginning our outreach to the Hispanic community there. Rev. Baumgartner is Pastor.
- March 11 Another appeal is made to make up the \$16,000 shortfall due to loss of members.
- April 26 Worship committee invites comments from members on their proposal to have Holy Communion EVERY week, but no changes are made. The maroon 1991 Hymnal Supplements arrive!
- June 14 Wednesday Morning Prayer group meets in the fireside room at seven AM for a half-hour service and coffee.
- July 20 The Kent Olson family leaves for a one year sabbatical in Uppsala Sweden. Linda Mac Runnels begins her internship at Resurrection.

- August Tom Lind presents to the church a beautiful lectern he made, finished in all-natural wood colors. . . .Thanks Tom!
- September Andy St. Sauver landscapes our courtyard as an Eagle Scout project. . . . Our thanks Andy!
- October 25 At the annual congregational meeting, a new constitution and By-Laws are adopted, eliminating The Elders, The Deacons, and The Trustees; but only the names changed, the responsibilities do not. David Anderson is called as our "Pastor of Home Life Ministry" but with no salary. Members vote to accept financial responsibility for Linda MacRunnels, a nine-month Northwestern Seminary intern. Chancel renovation is tabled despite support and a \$1,000 contribution for architectural plans, but now we need a new \$27,000 roof. . . . It never quits!
- November 1 Lesson inserts are removed from the bulletin. Members are encouraged to read them in advance so they can listen more carefully during the service. It also reduced the paper shuffling normally required in a Lutheran service.
- 1993**
- January 6 Linda MacRunnels, a native American, tells Adult Forum about, "Our Native American Friends in Christ".
- February 3 Jack Thompson, our faithful custodian, Sunday school teacher and so much more, dies suddenly of a heart attack. Always ready to help in his warm and caring way, he will be sorely missed by all. . . . Our thanks, Jack!
- April 15 Lu Zibell is presented the Distinguished Service Award by Lutheran Social Services. . . . Thanks Lu for so much.
- July 25 A "Bless You" Brunch is held for Linda MacRunnels, already completing her nine-month internship. . . . How time flies!
- August 8 First Annual golf event at Resurrection Church, coordinated by Jim and Audrey Stensgaard.
- September 15 After completing ten years as our pastor, Bob Hausman leaves for a three-month sabbatical at Harvard Univ. Member-pastors Ted Vinger and David Anderson will provide pastoral care in his absence, along with the Befrienders.
- October 14 The first Book Study/Discussion group meets to talk about Jon Hassler's latest book "A Green Journey".

- October 24 Members of Resurrection Church adopt a Statement of Identity, thanks mainly to the efforts of Joel McDermott, Sandi Shrewsbury, and Paul Westermeyer.
- October 28 The annual fundraising bazaar and dinner becomes The Oktoberfest Dinner, prepared by Lu Zibell and Virginia "Ginny" Polster.
- November 21 A "Thank You" luncheon is held for the TEN member-pastors who filled in for Pastor Hausman on his sabbatical: David Anderson, John Henrich, Sarah Henrich, Don Juel, Linda MacRunnels, Marcus Pera, Fred Ringham, Paul Swenson, Ted Vinger and Paul Westermeyer. . . . What a church!
- 1994**
- January 3 "Dorothy's Bench" is dedicated in honor of Dorothy Devine, who lightheartedly complained before she became bedridden and died that, "There should be a place to sit in the foyer," to which many of our elderly members echoed a hearty, "Amen".
- February 12 Our Council votes to provide a field work site for Teresia Hasseries, a 1st year student at Luther Seminary. Peter Erickson begins his two-year Contextual Education Program.
- June Because of our ad in a local paper, Resurrection Church becomes known as the church with "an alternative to alternative service" (i.e. a conventional service). . . a "Madison Avenue" line thought up by Pastor Hausman.
- September 12 Our newly decorated nursery has an open house to show off its new paint job and rug, thanks to Nursery Director Donna Jordon, and all those who helped. . . . Thanks Donna!
- October 16 Pastor conducts our first Service of Healing, an "affirmation of God's concern for the whole person".
- October 26 A Wednesday afternoon program for junior and senior high school children called LOGOS begins, consisting of Bible study, worship, music/art, recreation and dinner.
- 1995**
- January 27 A quilting group is formed at Resurrection by Sally Westermeyer to make blankets for Lutheran World Relief.
- February 19 Twenty-nine members of SEARCH Bible study graduate from their seven-year program. Few could have spent that much time studying the Bible without becoming a different person. It was a wonderfully enriching experience led, primarily, by Russ Wann, with Janice

- Wann coordinating. . . . Thanks so much to both of you!
- May Our memorial stained glass window is moved from the fireside room to the narthex, thanks to Ed Wolfe and Janice Wann. Along with the "Old Rugged Cross", also from the old wood-frame church, it reminds us of our humble beginnings and long tradition of serving God as we begin preparing for our Golden Jubilee Anniversary in June of 1997.
- Summer Jeffrey Bethke joins the church as a seminary intern.
- September 12 Tim Strand resigns as Music and Choir Director, to accept a similar position at Jehovah Lutheran church in St Paul. . . .Thanks Tim for all that beautiful music!
- December Augsburg publishes a book of essays on Lutheran Women in Ordained Ministry 1970-1995 called "Reflections and Perspectives" edited by our own, Gloria E. Bengston.
- 1996**
- January 1 Gary Butler, formerly Director of Music at Redeemer Lutheran in White Bear Lake, is called as Cantor to replace Tim Strand.
- January 5 The "Friendship Seven" meals begin. Groups of church members meet for dinner each month for three months.
- February 12 The "Forward in Faith Anniversary Fund" begins. It's purpose is to promote the Mission of the Church in the Community, Synod and the World. Our goal is to raise \$25,000 in the next three years. . . .We did it in one!
- June Peter Erickson, our contextual education seminary student, leaves for his internship in Washington.
- October Thirty-four women from our church attend a woman's retreat at the Totino-Grace Renewal Center, organized and conducted by seven Resurrection women. It was such a rousing success, they plan to hold one annually. What a talented group of church women we have!
- 1997**
- February Our 50th Anniversary Year begins in earnest with flyers, posters and letterhead stationary emblazoned with our "Forward in Faith" logo drawn by Virginia Polster.
- February Pastor Hausman begins a four week Adult Forum on Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a highly revered Lutheran pastor who died in a German

POW camp just before WWII ended.

- March 16 Our Sunday school celebrates its 50th Anniversary by hearing about the early Sunday school from Jeff Stephens, our first baptized member.
- March 18 Council approves having our organ repaired. John Ferguson is hired as consultant. Cost expected: \$65,000! Council also approves hiring Dr. Richard Caemmerer as consultant to the recently established Chancel Redesign Task Force.
- March 23 The Second Annual Cookie Bake is held by church children. Organized by Bruce Wilson, the cookies were delivered to shut-ins.
- April 6 Dr. Sarah Henrich, a church member and professor of New Testament at Luther-Northwestern Seminary begins a four week Adult Forum on Galatians.
- April 15 A wood and glass case is added to our memorial wall in the narthex to hold two, handmade, beautifully bound books. One to record memorials for baptisms and weddings, the other for funeral memorials.
- June 1 We celebrate our Fifty Year Jubilee in worship, fellowship and good food. Dr. Martin E. Marty presides, as he has so many times before at important milestones in our church's long history and Mark S. Hanson, Bishop of the Saint Paul Synod was the celebrant. . . Thank you Martin and Mark! We have so much to be thankful for--all blessing from our Lord--and so much more to look forward to, serving Him together in our next fifty years . . . Praise be to God!

Bits of History

Researched and compiled by Connie Beck

Some Notes from the First Two Years

Like many starting congregations, Lutheran Church of the Resurrection began by having services in a school house, the first Lake Owasso School on Victoria Avenue, present site of a retirement home. The very first service, conducted by Pastor Reuben Langhans, was held on March 9, 1947, with 55 people present. Dorothy Painter remembers that everyone stood to receive communion because there was no altar rail.

On Sunday, March 16, 1947, 31 children attended the first Sunday school classes, taught by Frank Gangl, William Salverda, O.A. Painter, and Mr. And Mrs. Walter Bruncke. The first child was baptized that day, Jeff Stephens, youngest son of Mr. And Mrs. Ben Stephens Jr., by Pastor Langhans in his home.

On Saturday, March 29, 1947, 17 charter members of the new congregation agreed to unite with the English District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod of St. Paul. Officers elected were: Marlowe Muehlstedt - president, Walter Bruncke - secretary, George Schubring - treasurer. Because the congregation was formed during Lent they chose the name Lutheran Church of the Resurrection.

In May a constitution written by Pastor Langhans was approved, and on January 18, 1948 the cornerstone for the frame church was laid. On June 20 the church was dedicated. It wasn't easy to furnish a new church. A funeral home loaned chairs until a church that was doing extensive remodeling donated some pews. Men of the church built an altar, pulpit, and baptismal font, while the women furnished communion ware, altar linens, candles, and hymnals.

Walter Bruncke donated a pump organ shortly after the church was dedicated. Clara Painter (Mrs. Orville) was the only person who could play it, but it was very hard to pump. Joe Moebius brought a vacuum cleaner to church, put it in the basement and hooked it up to the organ. The vacuum motor furnished enough pressure so that Clara could play, but it made so much noise that it had to be disconnected when not in use. Somebody was posted in the basement to plug it in when needed. It worked just fine. That's how the church first got organ music!

Some of the above information was gathered by Jean Quesnel from a conversation with Dorothy Painter in 1989. Other information came from writings by Marlowe Muehlstedt, first printed by permission of Ann Muehlstedt.

Resurrection Women - The Early Years

Men and women, husbands and wives, worked together to establish Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, but naturally there was some division of labor. When Redeemer

Lutheran Church helped Resurrection get started by lending it \$5,000 without interest, the women decided to sponsor a yearly roast beef dinner (except that the first one was chicken) to pay off the loan. The dinners were a huge success. Many people from the community came to enjoy the meal. Every year Ann Muehlstedt and a Mrs. Miller would get a good price on meat through Mr. Miller, who was not a member of Resurrection but worked in a South Saint Paul meat-packing plant. The women were able to repay \$1,000 of the loan each year. Tickets were sold for the dinner, but when some members objected to that practice, a free-will offering was requested one year. It was a disaster, as they barely made expenses. A popular social event was the "galloping breakfast," which was intended to help the women of the congregation get acquainted. Without any warning, one morning a woman would pick up four or five women, plus their small children, and go to someone's house for coffee. It became not only a "come as you are" party, but an "entertain as you are" event as well, all very informal and fun. If the impromptu hostess had no cookies to go with coffee it didn't matter. The purpose was to build friendships. It also swelled the coffers of the women's organization as each woman at the "breakfast" would contribute 25 cents to the Ladies Guild.

No time had been lost in forming a women's organization in the new congregation. Six weeks after the first service was held, the first Ladies Guild meeting took place on April 24, 1947 in the home of Mrs. Herb Gustafson. On June 24 the first officers were installed: Mrs. H. Gustafson, president; Mrs. F. Gangl, vice-president; Mrs. W. Bruncke, secretary; Mrs. O. Painter, treasurer. Of the charter members of the congregation only two women remain, Ann Muehlstedt and Irene Olson.

Except for the last paragraph, the above information is based on interviews with Ann Muehlstedt by Dee Bedford in 1989 and Connie Beck in 1996.

How Resurrection Helped Pioneer a New Concept in Caring

When members of the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection talked about a special project in honor of the 25th anniversary of this congregation in 1972, they wanted to do something for others, not just make building improvements or otherwise benefit themselves. The congregation's Anniversary Thankoffering of \$8,600 was a sizable gift to add to \$1,300 "seed money" already gathered. Donald Severson, then a Resurrection member, agreed to chair the committee to select a special anniversary project. (He thought it would be a short-term responsibility!)

After several meetings to consider a variety of suggestions, the committee decided on a home for eight mentally handicapped women. In 1972 the concept of "normalization" or bringing mentally handicapped persons out of institutions and into community settings was new. The presence in the congregation of Pastor Fuelling's daughter Mary, who might eventually need such a home, added impetus to the project. House parents would live in the home to assist the residents and provide a family-style way of life.

The congregation agreed, additional funds were gathered, Donald Zibell served as treasurer. A house next door to the church went up for sale, an ideal place to start such a

home. Everything looked good until people in the neighborhood started worrying about having "those people" in the community. Property values would decrease, someone said, and the rumor mill ground out false or distorted information. "The idea is good, just don't do it here," became the message from the neighborhood.

For legal purposes, The Residence Inc. was incorporated as a nonprofit entity with Don Severson as Chair of the Board and Don Zibell Treasurer. Five of the nine Board members were from Resurrection. One Resurrection member sold the Board eight acres of fine land in Shoreview for \$1.00. Other people began responding with large gifts. Application for a Special Use Permit was filed in Shoreview, and the Planning Commission and Council voted approval. But residential living for mentally handicapped people was a new concept, and community members feared the unknown. Strong opposition developed to the point of suing The Residence, Inc. but the trial ended with the judge approving the project.

In 1974, two years and much litigation after the Thankoffering was given, Residence I, a home for eight women was opened at 945 Amble Road, Shoreview, with over 600 applicants hoping for a place there. Two years later Residence II for eight men was opened at 935 Amble Road. Residence III for six persons with multiple handicaps was opened on Foxridge Road, St. Paul, in 1980. Subsequently, two Supervised Living Facilities were established in an apartment building in Little Canada. More recently, these apartments have been moved to Victoria Place and the Lexington in Roseville.

Even though The Residence Inc. became an independent entity, Resurrection continued to be involved in many ways, such as providing a majority of the members on the Board and contributing significant funding. Circle members gave gifts and energy to beautify the houses and make them homey. Ed Wolfe became "Mr. Fixit" in doing extensive maintenance service at each home, and hasn't quit yet. Lorraine Wolfe has baked a birthday cake for each resident every year since the first residence opened in 1974. She has no idea of how many hundred cakes she has baked, but each one is different. Don Severson raised thousands of dollars for camperships. The Heil family began the custom of providing Christmas gifts for each resident, still continued by Chris Thompson during Advent with the Christmas tree in the foyer decked with photos and wish lists from the residents. Did you see the pile of gifts there last December?

The success of the Residences was evident in many respects. The residents themselves, with better diets and more activity, slimmed down and perked up, frequently testing with higher IQ scores after a few years. They became accepted members in the community. A few got steady jobs. All of this came about at a considerably lower cost per person per day to the state than when they were institutionalized. Politically, as a direct result of the struggle to establish the Residences, a state law was enacted to allow group homes to be established in residentially zoned areas. Over 200 such homes have been built in the state. Other states, notably North Dakota, studied the program and results of The Residences and established their own innovative programs for mentally handicapped persons.

Eventually, government regulations and bureaucracy became more than The Residence

Inc. board could handle as volunteer lay people. In 1989 The Residence Inc., with a new worth exceeding \$500,000, was transferred to Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota. The Residences were the first LSS facility for developmentally disabled persons in Ramsey County and became a springboard for establishing numerous similar homes in the Twin Cities area. Members of Resurrection continue to serve on the Advisory Board of LSS.

All of this came about from a Thankoffering of \$8,600 on Resurrection's 25th anniversary, and the determination to use it according to Jesus' words, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me" (Matt.25:40).

Based on interviews with Don Zibell and Don Severson, and historical records.

The Philippine Connection 1966 - 1976

"March is Mission Month" appeared annually in Resurrection monthly newsletters and Sunday bulletins, and for about 11 years that meant the Sunday school children would be gathering funds for some special project in the Philippines. It all began when the Sunday school furnished a unit of support (\$600) for Pastor James J. Johnson, a missionary of the LCMS, for three consecutive years, 1966-1968, thereby giving them the right to call Johnson "our missionary". A native of Pipestone, Minnesota, Johnson, together with his wife Barbara and their four young daughters, lived in Cebu City, Philippines, where he was pastor of Ascension Lutheran Church. Under his guidance the Sunday school children, often with help from the congregation, took on many meaningful projects with their March Mission giving.

Most memorable, perhaps, is the Goat Project of 1968. Pairs of goats were given to impoverished families in rural areas so that the goat's milk would provide a dietary supplement and the sale of their offspring would be a source of income. Sunday school children were encouraged to give 50¢ each from their own earnings. Together they raised \$182, other gifts brought the total to \$292, enough to buy from 19 to 29 pairs of goats, depending on price. That same month, about \$292 from Lenten self-denial folders and other sources was gathered to start a sheltered workshop for blind Filipinos. Lloyd Peterson led a drive to collect unneeded books from Roseville elementary schools, which were sent to Missionary Johnson for distribution to schools. Several teachers sent letters of grateful appreciation.

In 1969, March Mission funds helped start the Bay Ang Church Cooperative Store to supply staples for people in a remote area, and also give them a market for their products and produce.

A dormitory for 18 girls was the project for 1970. This was established on the second floor of the parsonage occupied by the Filipino pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in Tacloban City, Leyte.

The 1971 project, \$500, built a modest chapel in Liloan in the mountains, to provide a place of worship for newly confirmed Christians.

From 1972 to 1974, gifts were sent to establish a workshop for basket-weaving as a source of income, and to pay for corrective surgery on children born with cleft lip, a relatively common occurrence there. \$500 of the 25th Anniversary Thankoffering in 1972 was added to these gifts.

Fresh-water wells for Bay Ang was the project in 1975, the year Johnson resigned as a missionary.

The final project, a gift of \$772.70 in 1976, provided farmers with an improved strain of pigs in order to earn income and to supplement the protein content of their diets.

For several years the Johnsons sent a small, handcrafted Filipino item to each Sunday school child at Christmas time (paid for by Resurrection) to give them a tangible contact with the Philippines. When visiting in the United States Johnson found time to visit Resurrection, particularly the Sunday school children.

Based on information found in bulletins, newsletters, and correspondence, particularly with Gilbert and Jane Backer, members of Resurrection at the time.

How Resurrection Got Its Pipe Organ

In 1967 Ed Abel, president of Resurrection congregation, appointed a committee to look into purchasing a better organ for the church. Members of the committee were George Klein, Dorothy Busch, organist Bob Schultz, and chairman Bob Burt. Dr. Paul Manz was consulted to help determine the type of organ we should purchase. We then contacted several organ salesmen in the Twin City area, and visited several churches with electronic and pipe organs. Bob Schultz contacted W.E. Buszin, a music professor in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, who informed the committee that a Hallman Company in Kitchener, Ontario, Canada was interested in placing a pipe organ of theirs in the United States. Wishing for more information on this company in Canada, we looked it up in the St. Paul Public Library but could find only a reference to a Hallman Company that manufactured electric fences and hydraulic jacks. We contacted this company and learned that they did make organs. In fact, they sent us two airline tickets to have us visit their plant.

Bob Schultz and I were met in Buffalo, N.Y. By a salesman who took us to two churches in Toronto for demonstrations of organs from Hallman. We then were taken to Kitchener where we met Mr. Hallman, owner, and his organ designer, John Van Daalen. The plant indeed manufactured electric fences and hydraulic jacks, but Mr. Hallman had a desire to build pipe organs and had brought Mr. Van Daalen from Holland to help design and build them. The workshop for organs was in a section in the back area of the plant.

We were impressed with the quality of their organs and gave them a description of the

organ that Bob Schultz and Dr. Paul Manz had planned for our church. In time they sent us a design for our present pipe organ at the price of \$19,978.00. We accepted this, the organ was built and installed. The dedication recital was held on March 17, 1968, with Dr. Paul Manz the recital organist. The organ is voiced in the German Baroque tradition.

Written by Bob Burt.

Two Beer Bottles Make History

When the original wooden frame church was torn down to make way for the present church, Adolph Olson and Marlowe Muehlstedt remembered two beer bottles they had left up on a ledge, just out of sight. The demolition people retrieved these now historical bottles at Marlowe's request. Nearly fifty years ago Adolph and Marlowe were shellacking the rafters of the church. Eager to get the job done and very thirsty they had asked Ron Kauston to get some beer for them. Interestingly, Ron's home was located right where the band shell is presently situated in Central Park in Roseville. Ron got the beer and hoisted it up to the crew of two. Adolph and Marlowe had put the empties on a ledge out of sight and finished the job. They had forgotten about bringing the bottles down with them. One wonders how many times they had chuckled about this. The beer was Hamm's Preferred Stock bottled in St. Paul.

Courtesy of Ann Muehlstedt who saved the bottles.

Early Ladies Guild History 1947 - 1964

From a scrapbook compiled by Doris Schuman and Dolores Anderson

April 24, 1947: 18 Ladies Attended First Meeting at the home of Mrs. Herb Gustafson

Mrs. Herb Gustafson	Mrs. Frank Gangl	Mrs. Neal Smith
Mrs. R. W. Langhans	Mrs. Wm. Salverda	Mrs. Ralph Johnson
Mrs. Clemens Messerli	Mrs. Marlow Muehlstedt	Mrs. George Schubring
Mrs. J. W. Armstrong	Mrs. Ada Bruncke	Mrs. Harold Rademacher
Mrs. Frank Koleski	Mrs. Wm. Reiling	Mrs. Henry Miller
Mrs. Dennis Johnson	Mrs. Walter Bruncke	Mrs. O. J. Painter

June 26, 1947: Constitution Adopted and Signed by:

Mrs. Richard Saum	Mrs. M. E. Muehlstedt
Mrs. Orville Painter	Mrs. Ada Bruncke
Mrs. Henry E. Miller	Mrs. Minnie J. Koleski
Mrs. George Schubring	Mrs. Ben Stephens, Jr.
Mrs. J. Moebius	Mrs. Bertha Magin

July 26, 1947: Officers installed:

President:	Mrs. H. Gustafson
Vice President:	Mrs. F. Gangl
Secretary:	Mrs. W. Bruncke
Treasurer:	Mrs. O. Painter

1947 Activities:

- Chicken Dinner in June
- Ice Cream Social in August
- Galloping Breakfasts
- Dinner and Bazaar in November
- Received 36 Junior Choir Robes from Redeemer

1948 missing

1949 Officers:

President: Mrs. M. Muehlstedt
Vice President: Mrs. G. Schubring
Secretary: Mrs. B. Stephens
Treasurer: Mrs. O. Painer

1949 Activities:

- Food Basket started in January
- Ham Dinner and Bake Sale in February
- Spring Dinner in April
- Men's Club had Ice Cream Social in June with a bake sale by the Ladies Guild
- Rummage Sales in June and December
- Ice Cream Social in August
- Made and sold rugs
- Installation Day Pot Luck Supper for Pastor Ruthenbeck in April
- Dinner and Bazaar in November
- Mile of Pennies losing team entertained at Christmas Party
- Contributed \$1,000.00 toward church debt

1950 Officers:

President: Mrs. G. Schubring
Vice President: Mrs. O. Painter
Secretary: Mrs. J. Moebius
Treasurer: Mrs. W. Salverda

1950 Activities:

- Continued Mile-of-Pennies Teams, Rug Project, Food Basket, and Merchandise Sales
- Bake Sales at National Food Store on April 1 and October 7
- Rummage Sale in May
- Purchased Communion Rail and Collection Baskets with 1949 Mile-of-Pennies
- Mother-Daughter Banquet in May
- Spring Dinner in June
- Ice Cream Social in August
- Assisted Men's Club with Booya in September
- Galloping Breakfasts in October for can opener, plastic break baskets, knife sharpener, and small plastic glasses for kitchen.
- Dinner and Bazaar in November

1951 Officers:

President: Mrs. A. Oltman
Vice President: Mrs. B. Stephens
Secretary: Mrs. (Inez) Erickson
Treasurer: Mrs. J. Patterson

1951 Activities:

- Paid \$1,000.00 on church debt from 1950 income
- 1950 Mile-of-Pennies used for Altar Cloths by Altar Committee
- Continued with Mile-of-Pennies, Food Basket, Merchandise and Card Sales and Rug Making
- Galloping Breakfasts held once a month
- Baking Bee in church kitchen on March 2 for Bake Sale at National Food Store on March 3
- Installation Day Dinner on April 8 for Pastor Wagner
- Rummage Sale in May
- Altar Guild formed as a separate unit of ladies of congregation instead of being a committee of the guild.
- Bake sales on June 2 and again in November
- Mother-Daughter get-together at July Meeting
- Commercial Luncheon on July 14
- Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social on August 5
- Family Night Pot-Luck get-together on October 19
- Dinner and Bazaar on November 4

1952 Officers:

President: Mrs. F. Gangl
Vice President: Mrs. Dickhudt
Secretary: Mrs. R. Gruetzman
Treasurer: Mrs. Readel

1952 Activities:

- Deposited \$1,000 of 1951 income in Savings
- Rug, Card Sales, Mile-of-Pennies, Food Basket, Galloping Breakfasts, and Merchandise Sales continued throughout the year
- Family Night in honor of new members held in February
- Bake Sale held on April 19 and October 17
- Rummage Sales on June 6 and 7 at Town Hall and on September 16 on State Street
- Quilt project started
- Nine ladies of the Guild joined the Ladies Auxiliary of City Mission
- Spaghetti Supper for 5th Anniversary of the Congregation on May 25
- Bowling Party on July 12

- Ice Cream Social in August
- Hannah Strong Luncheon in September
- Furnished the paint for the men to paint the church
- Dinner and Bazaar on November 9

1953 Officers:

President:	Mrs. Dickhudt
Vice President:	Mrs. W. Olson
Secretary:	Mrs. Talmadge
Treasurers:	Mrs. Toenjes and Mrs. Painter

1953 Activities:

- Circles formed
- Mile-of-Pennies, Food Basket, Card Sales, Rugs, and Merchandise Sales continued
- Rummage and Bake Sale in church basement on May 8
- Martha Logan Luncheon on April 28
- Deposited \$1,000.00 in Church Extension Fund
- Picnic for Sunday School Teachers at Koleski's
- Ice Cream Social in August
- Clothes for Europe Drive in the fall
- Card Sales discontinued late in year
- Library started
- Revised constitution adopted

1954 Officers:

President:	Mrs. Painter
Vice President:	Mrs. Koleski
Secretary:	Mrs. Milham
Treasurer:	Mrs. Krautkremer

1954 Activities:

- Guild joined the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (Minnesota District) in February
- Father-Son Dinner on February 19
- Ladies painted the basement
- Pot-luck Supper on April 25
- Served Cub Scout Dinner in May
- Sold Vanilla for 48-cup coffee maker
- Food Basket was discontinued in November
- Cradle Roll started

- All Circles had projects
- Purchased awnings for parsonage
- Mother-Daughter Banquet on June 8
- Outdoor Church Service and Picnic at Thompson Park on June 20
- Ice Cream Social in August
- Circles took charge of serving refreshments after the Advent Services

1955 Officers:

President: Mrs. W. Olson
 Vice President: Mrs. D. Haes
 Secretary: Mrs. C. Roberts
 Treasurer: Mrs. B. Vono

1955 Activities:

- Father-Son Dinner on February 18
- Served Cub Scout Dinner at Owasso School on May 5
- Mother-Daughter Banquet on April 29
- Lunch Sale at Jensen's Auction
- Lunch Sale at Circle S Horse Show on September 25
- Exchanged Nash Coffee Key Strips for 72-cup coffee maker
- Rummage Sale on September 17 in Lieberg's garage
- All circles engaged in missionary work during the year
- Cooked the coffee and served at Advent Services
- Mile-of-Pennies losing team gave Christmas Party

1956 Officers:

President: Mrs. D. Haes
 Vice President: Mrs. W. Anderson
 Secretary: Mrs. Schuman
 Treasurer: Mrs. R. Burt

1956 Activities:

- Mile-of-Pennies Teams discontinued
- First meeting in new basement on January 12
- Church Dedication Dinner on January 15
- Served Cub Scout Dinner on February 16 at Lake Owasso School
- Each circle served a dinner to the Lay-visitors during P.T.R. Week
- Purchased cribs and articles for nursery
- Nursery group made separate from Guild
- Had the kitchen remodeled - ladies did finishing

- Mother-Daughter Banquet on May 18
- Church Picnic on June 17 at Island Lake Park
- Father-Son Banquet on June 22
- Ice Cream Social on August 19
- Dinner and Bazaar on November 8
- Lutheran Women's Missionary League Rally and Luncheon at Resurrection on October 23
- Purchased 12 new tables for dinners
- Cooked the coffee at the Advent Services

1957 Officers:

President:	Mrs. Talmadge
Vice President:	Mrs. Lange
Secretary:	Mrs. Schuman
Treasurer:	Mrs. Ross

1957 Activities:

- Congregational Pot-luck Supper on January 13
- Served Cub Scout Dinner at Alexander Ramsey High School on February 8
- Food Basket started again - for Bethesda Home
- Committee from Guild appointed to have charge of wedding receptions at church.
- Resigned from Minnesota District LWML applied for membership in the English District LWML in March - Released and accepted in July.
- Purchased punch bowl, white tablecloth and items for wedding receptions
- Tenth Anniversary Dinner on May 26
- Father-Son Banquet on June 21
- Purchased drapes for Pastor's Study and Council Room - also serving carts and step stool for kitchen.
- Ice Cream Social on August 11
- Tea for new members in September
- Served lunch for English District Councilmen's Meeting on September 23
- LWML Convention was held in Minneapolis in September
- CHURCH-O-RAMA on October 17 in addition to dinner and bazaar
- Secret Pal revealing changed to December
- Circles took charge of Advent Services in December

1958-59 Officers:

President:	Mrs. Raedel
Vice President:	Mrs. L. Huberty
Secretary:	Mrs. Ruth Peterson
Treasurer:	Mrs. E. Markham

1958-59 Activities:

- Congregational Meeting and Supper on January 12
- Served Cub Scout Dinner at Owasso School on February 13
- Circles engaged in Stewardship Helping Hands, Evangelism and Mission Work
- Food Basket discontinued
- Election and term of Officers changed by Amendment to constitution from November to May for election and December to June for term
- July and August Meeting discontinued by amended by-law
- Above officers re-elected in May to serve through June, 1959 - Circles also remained the same.
- Tea for new members of congregation on April 24
- Mother-Daughter Banquet in May - prepared and served by the men.
- Mrs. Stephens and Mrs. Raedel delegates to LWML. Convention in Cleveland on June 13, 14 & 15.
- Centennial theme at September Meeting - Costume Party and Antique Display
- Nash Coffee key strips exchanged for 72 pieces of stainless steel
- Congregational Pot-Luck Supper on October 1
- Coffee for new members on November 5
- Refreshments served after Advent Services
- Congregational Pot-Luck Supper on January 11
- Served Cub Scout Dinner at Owasso School on February 19
- Additional kitchen equipment purchased to aid in setting and serving
- LWML. Spring Rally at Resurrection on April 23
- Turkey Dinner for choirs in April
- Guild began selling books after services through a Circle
- Mother-Daughter Dinner in May
- Get-Acquainted Night at June Guild Meeting
- Quantity recipe file completed.

1959-60 Officers:

President:	Mrs. Lang (Dorothy)
Vice President:	Mrs. Bierwerth (Dorothy)
Secretary:	Mrs. Quesnel (Jean)
Treasurer:	Mrs. Borden (Faye)

1959-60 Activities:

- Mrs. Bierwerth was delegate to the LWML. Convention in July at Toronto, Ontario
- Book & Literature, History and Mission Circles
- Every-member Congregational Pot-luck Dinner on October 6
- Mrs. Bierwerth installed as President of St. Paul Chapter LWML. on October 18
- Dinner and bazaar on November 12
- Circles in charge of refreshments at the Advent Services
- Congregational Meeting on January 10

- Served Cub Scout Dinner on February 18 at Lake Owasso School
- Father-Son Banquet on May 13
- Mrs. Saum and Mrs. Elizabeth Woller were the delegates to the LWML Convention in Milwaukee on May 26 and 27.
- By-laws amended to cover duties of Executive Committee and Treasurer
- Purchased additional kitchen equipment

1960-61 Officers:

President:	Mrs. G. Ooyman
Vice President:	Mrs. H. Woller
Secretary:	Mrs. W. Carlson
Treasurer:	Mrs. B. Sargent

1960-61 Activities:

- Opened Fall Season with a Communion Service before the September meeting
- History, Book and Literature, Mission, and Evangelism Circles
- Congregational Pot-Luck Supper on September 29
- New Track Rack made and filled
- Dinner and Bazaar on November 27
- Circles took charge of refreshment serving after Advent Services
- Annual Congregational Meeting and Supper in January
- Served the Cub Scout Dinner at Owasso School in February
- Father-Son Banquet on February 3
- Mother-Daughter Banquet on May 12
- LWML Spring Rally at Resurrection on April 21
- Guild became member of St. John's Hospital Auxiliary and started active work
- Reception for Educational Director, Mr. Wayne Duchow on July 9
- Amended By-law changed duty of keeping membership record from Secretary to Membership Chairman
- Purchased large automatic coffee percolator and metal coffee servers.

1961-62 Officers:

President:	Mrs. E. Bierwerth
Vice President:	Mrs. H. Woller
Secretary:	Mrs. W. Anderson (Delores)
Treasurer:	Mrs. C. Anderson (Maxine)

1961-62 Activities:

- Communion Service opened fall season before September Meeting
- Dinner for Sunday School Teachers on October 2
- Mission, Book & Literature, Evangelism, and History-Library Circles

- Exchanged Hilex coupons for 10-qt. kettle
- Exchanged Betty Crocker coupons for Cook Books for re-sale
- Exchanged Piggly Wiggly receipts for cash.
- Wednesday Night Suppers for Youth School transferred from Guild to special ASREP Circle
- Dinner and Bazaar on November 16
- Congregational Meeting and Supper on January 14
- Served Cub Scout Dinner at Owasso School on February 15
- Father-Daughter Banquet on March 16
- Mother-Son Banquet

1963-64 Officers:

President:	Norma Ooyman
Vice President:	Shirley Liebenow
Secretary:	Myrtle Brutlag
Treasurer:	Dorothy Thompson

1963-64 Activities:

- Evangelism Circle in charge of new-member tea October 17
- Evelyn Samuelson reports 53 active and 11 inactive members
- Mission Circle will host October 22 Congregational Dinner
- Nursery Circle organized to take care of nursery
- Guild sponsored the film "A Letter to Nancy" on February 8, 1964 for all church members
- Sweetheart Banquet at Lutheran Brotherhood building on February 14
- Motion was made and seconded that Mother-Daughter Banquet and the Father-Son banquet be held on alternate years
- Mother-Daughter Banquet held May 8, 1964

Appendix

Charter Members

Mr. And Mrs. Clemens Messerli

Mrs. Ben Stephens, Jr.

Mrs. Conrad Bruncke

Mrs. H. J. Rademacher

Mr. And Mrs. Orville Painter

Dorothy Painter

Mr. And Mrs. Marlowe Muehlstedt

Mr. George Schubring

Mr. And Mrs. Dennis Johnson

Darrell Johnson

Mr. And Mrs. Walter Bruncke

Mr. And Mrs. Adolph Olson

Council Presidents of The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

1947	Marlowe Muehlstedt
1948	J. L. Moebius
1949	Dennis Johnson
1950	George Schubring
1951	William Krautkremer
1952	Dennis Johnson
1953	James Patterson
1954	Bill Krautkremer
1955	Charles Brandt
1956 & 1957	Wm. Danner
1958	Roy Milham
1959 & 1960	Robert Logue
1961 & 1962	Bernard Schultz
1963	Richard Kuhlmann
1964	Edward Abel
1965	Edward Wolfe
1966	Donald Severson
1967	Edward Wolfe
1968	Wayne Griesel
1969 & 1970	Keith Jacob
1971	Walter Meisner
1972 & 1973	R. J. Rehwaldt
1974	Wayne Griesel
1975 & 1976	Ron Kaliszweski
1977 & 1978	R. J. Rehwaldt
1979 & 1980	Jerry Kidd
1981	Charles Brandt
1982 & 1983	Robert Brunig
1984	Don Severson
1985 & 1986	John Pollack
1987	Richard Dubbe
1988 & 1989	Joseph Wall
1990 & 1991	Kent Olson
1992, '93, '94	Joel McDermott (from 3/15/92)
1995 & 1996	Sandi Shrewsbury
1997	Wayne Griesel

Resurrection Staff

Pastors

1947 - 1948	Reuben Langhans, founder
1948	Ed Schmidt, temporary
1949 - 1951	Lehnert Ruthenbeck
1951 - 1968	Jerry Wagner
1968 - 1983	Daniel Fuelling
1979	David Olson, asst. for evangelism & social action
1984 -	Robert Hausman

Education and Youth

1961 - 1969	Pr. Wayne Duchow
1969 - 1970	Eugene Heuer
1970 - 1974	Larry Norton
1974 - 1975	Craig Ford
1975 - 1985	Audrey Rothmaler
1976	Cindy Pummill
1977	Meg Sander
1978 - 1981	Jeff Larson
1981 - 1987	Susan Burdick
1988 - 1989	Mark Gardner

Church Secretary

1954 - 1958	Margaret Readell
1958 - 1959	Mrs. David Graham
1959 - 1985	Jean Quesnel
1959	Beverly Zajic, assistant
1985 - 1987	Nancy Wallis
1987 -	Chris Thompson, administrator

Organist

1947	Betty Mahre
1948 - 1958	Dorothy Painter
1958 - 1965	Dale Fisk
1965 - 1967	Mrs. Don Standen
1967 - 1973	Robert Schultz
1973 - 1974	Paul Schmalz
1974 - 1987	Wanda Dubbe
1987 - 1995	Timothy Strand
1996 -	Gary Butler

Choir

1951 - 1957	David Dittberner	
1958 - 1965	Dale Fisk	Connie Stephens
1965 - 1967	Don Standen	
1967 - 1973	Robert Schultz	
1973 - 1974	Paul Schmalz	
1974 - 1981	Dorothy Chapman	Mary Sears
1981 - 1982	Robert Leininger	Jan Nelson
1982 - 1983	Douglas Chapman	
1984 - 1986	Dorothy Chapman	
1986 - 1987	Martha Graber	
1987 - 1995	Timothy Strand	
1988		Bonnie Doole
1996 -	Gary Butler	

Fiftieth Anniversary Committee of the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

Dee Bedford, Chair

Connie Beck

Robert Hausman

Will Liebenow

Al Mann

Linda Olson

Janice Wann

Lu Zibell

and the help of many, many church members