

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS



PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH
 3650 West 106th Street
 Carmel, IN 46032
www.pilgrimindy.org

SUNDAY WORSHIP
 8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School
 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday Worship
 7 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS

8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
 Monday-Thursday

8 a.m.-noon
 Friday

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CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMANDS

Four young people will stand tall and affirm their Baptism at the 10:45 a.m. worship service on Sunday, May 21.

Ella Hatfield, Harrison Hawkins-Wilding, Claire Weems and Sarah Zetzel have successfully completed their confirmation classes. They have spent two years exploring God's word in the scriptures and they have read through and discussed Martin Luther's small catechism. We have had great classes, two wonderful retreats, an Elder/Mentor breakfast, games, snacks, talks; you tube videos, Mentor visits and many deep and sometimes difficult discussions. These four young people are ready to step out and grow in their faith and indeed help the faith we proclaim grow through them!

Please plan on attending the 10:45 a.m. worship on **Sunday, May 21** and support these young kids as they walk through this faith formative milestone.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS...SPRING VOTERS' MEETING

Our Spring Voters' Meeting will be **Sunday, May 7, at 9:30 a.m.** Please plan to attend as we will consider the Benefaction Fund Grant Review Committee's recommendations. Show your support for our leaders and staff, and your support for our mission and ministry as a congregation, by attending!

ORGAN UPDATES

Be sure to see Page 6 of this month's newsletter for information about plans to celebrate and dedicate Pilgrim's new organ, and check out our website and Facebook page for behind-the-scenes photos of how this all took shape!

SACRED THREADS

Sacred Threads will meet **Tuesday, May 2**, at 10 a.m. at the church.

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a caring Community called together in ministry by the Holy Spirit through the Gospel and the Sacraments to: believe in Jesus Christ as Savior, worship the Triune God, and serve God by proclaiming the Gospel, joyfully celebrating our God-given gifts, and loving and serving our neighbors with Jesus as our example.

PILGRIM LUTHERAN**CHURCH STAFF****Interim Pastor***Rudy Mueller***Education Director***Gloria Worth***Preschool Director***Amy Tucker***Youth Directors***Jenny Pitts**Gail Powell***Cantor to the Congregation***Sarah Gran Williams***Director of Music for****Children & Youth***Gail Powell***Handbell Director***Kevin Donley***Assistant Treasurer***Donna Drew***Office Manager***Debbie Collins***Set-up & Custodial Assistant***Matt Worth***Maintenance***Mark Wylie***FROM THE ELDERS**

"Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked." Psalm 82:4 English Standard Version (ESV)

My son recently shared an experience that he had coming home from work. He was stopped at a traffic light, approximately four vehicles back. A young boy was on his bicycle at the crosswalk patiently waiting for the pedestrian indicator light to illuminate so he could cross safely. As he did so, an adult passenger, in the first vehicle, got out of his truck, walked over to the young boy on his bike on the sidewalk, took the hat from the boy's head, put it on his head, and walked back to the truck and drove off as the light turned green.

My son drove through the green light and proceeded to turn around and follow the young boy riding his bike into a housing development. My son stopped his truck, approached the boy, who was crying, and asked if the man had taken his hat. The boy said he did and that he did not know the man or why he did it. My son apologized for the actions of the stranger and gave the boy 20 dollars to buy a new hat. The boy was reluctant to accept the gift because my son did not take his hat.

My son informed the boy that sometimes people do not always do the right thing and that it wasn't his fault his hat was taken. He convinced the boy to take the 20 dollars and asked him to help a friend or someone who may be in need sometime. "Pay it forward" was his request.

Needless to say, I am very proud of my son for setting such a positive example and making a difference for a person he didn't know.

It is easy for us to choose to not be involved in situations, to look the other way, to pretend we didn't see or hear an injustice or ignore someone less fortunate. We are charged by Christ and our belief in him to make a difference for others. Jesus Christ did not look the other way or ignore mankind, but made the ultimate sacrifice for all of us by giving his life on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins.

Jim Durst

Pilgrim Elder

FROM THE PASTOR

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Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Easter Greetings. Our Easter celebration is well into its 50 Days. These 50 days of Easter trump the 40 days of Lent. Our Alleluias overpower our *mea culpas*. It is a joy to celebrate these holy days with you. I am still trying to learn names so I ask your continued indulgence. As I get to you know you, I thought I would share a bit about me with you:



Rudy Mueller was born in Bronxville, New York.

- Yes, that makes him one of those scurvy, obnoxious New York Yankee fans.
- Explains a lot, doesn't it.

Rudy grew up in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

- The Atomic City
- Yes, he glows in the dark
- His favorite day of the year is Transfiguration Sunday because he looks like Jesus.

Rudy graduated from Valparaiso University.

- Major in Psychology; minor in Business administration
- Taught his fraternity to play bridge

He received his MDiv from Christ Seminary – Seminex.

- Met and married Nancy
- Internship was on Long Island
- Saw Jimmy Buffett in concert twice before there were Parrotheads
- Sold beer at Busch Stadium
- Student body president fourth year

He and Nancy have two children and two grandchildren.

- Ted is a school administrator
- Kristin is a nurse
- Charlotte and Noah are the cutest kids in the world

Rudy has served in three parishes and served as an Assistant to the Bishop.

- Resurrection (AELC), Godfrey, Illinois
- Christ (LCA), Evansville
- First English (ELCA), Mishawaka

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Again, grant me your patience as I continue learning names and putting them with faces (the right ones, hopefully). I look forward to hearing your stories as we walk these 50 days of Easter together and share the Easter story. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Peace,

Rudy

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PILGRIM...

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE EVENTS



PHANTOM OF THE OPERA: Many of you have bought tickets to see Phantom of the Opera at Carmel High School at 7 p.m. on **Saturday, May 13**. If you have not yet paid Steve Sullivan for your tickets, please do so shortly. Before the play, Congregational Life is sponsoring a social hour (5-6:30 p.m.) at the home of Carol and Dick Dahoney. They live in the neighborhood just to the East of the high school and we will walk or carpool as parking is often an issue. Their address is 163 Brierley Way. Please bring an hors d'oeuvre to share —

drinks will be provided. There is a sign-up sheet on the credenza. Please sign up by **May 7** if you plan to attend the social hour and indicate what type of appetizer you will be bringing.

- **INDIANS BASEBALL GAME:** The Indians Baseball game is coming up on **June 19**. The men's chorus will be singing the National Anthem. The game starts at 7:05 p.m. against the Toledo Mud Hens. We have blocked 100 seats at \$14.50 each. Please sign up starting May 7 (sign-up sheet is on the credenza under the TV). We are NOT doing on-line tickets this year. Please make checks out to Pilgrim Lutheran Church and give to Paul & Phyllis Swanson or Gwen & Rich Knipstein by **Sunday, June 4**. Tickets will be distributed **Sunday June 11 and 18**. Let's show our support with a good turnout of the Pilgrim Fan Base!
- **CONNER PRAIRIE CONCERT – THE BEATLES – SATURDAY, AUGUST 12:** Watch for sign up information. We will be reserving tables.
- **OCTOBERFEST/OLD FASHIONED BASEBALL GAME—SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7:** John Williams will be looking for team member sign-ups starting in June.





SUPER SENIORS MAY LUNCHEON

Super Seniors, bring your bag lunch and enjoy the movie *Forrest Gump*, starring Tom Hanks, on **Tuesday, May 16, at noon**. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. The sign-up sheet for the luncheon is available on the credenza under the TV. Please encourage friends from Pilgrim who were unable to attend the kick-off luncheon to join us. Also, feel free to invite non-Pilgrim friends.

WELCA SEMI-ANNUAL SERVICE PROJECT

WELCA ladies, it is time for our semi-annual service project. Join us at **6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 23**, in Fellowship Hall for a pitch-in salad supper (or bring a dessert if you wish). After supper, we will assemble newborn kits for Global Health Ministries. Donations for the kits will be gratefully accepted. Supplies needed include: regular size bath towels, 36" square muslin, thin washcloths, bath size Ivory soap bars, newborn stocking caps, newborn undershirts (no onesies), receiving blankets, boxes of two-gallon ziploc bags. Look for box in the narthex. (— Judy Hunden)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Registration for Pilgrim's 2017 Vacation Bible School is open until June 30. Make sure to get your child(ren)'s information turned in so they don't miss out on our exciting VBS adventure! Children through grade 6 are invited to attend. Students in grades 7 and up (including adults) are invited to volunteer. See the registration form on Page 7.

MEET NEW PILGRIM'S PROGRESS EDITOR

I'm Lee Ann Roeder, and I'm who's responsible for the changes that started appearing in March in *Pilgrim's Progress*. Our family joined Pilgrim a little over two years ago. My background includes newspaper reporting, copyediting, and working in political public relations. After our oldest son was born I started freelancing from home, and now that the boys are grown I spend a lot of time volunteering, mostly at Morning Dove Therapeutic Riding Center. My husband Mike and I, both Evansville natives and both lifelong Lutherans, are 10:30 a.m. worshippers out of habit (with three boys we just never could make early services); we're the ones with the TALL boys who usually sit up front on the left. We're very excited to be getting a daughter-in-law in July!

As for the newsletter, please email me submissions by the 20th of each month, or let me know something is coming if it will be within a few days of the 20th. I prefer to use real photos of our events (as opposed to clipart) whenever possible, so be sure to take them, please! My email is leeann.roeder@me.com, or you can mail things to my home or stop me at church.



CELEBRATE PILGRIM'S NEW ORGAN

Sunday, April 16, was a HISTORIC DAY FOR PILGRIM as we heard the new organ for the first time! Most of the organ was complete; however some parts (like the swell box shades) were still needing to be installed, and the pipes still needing to be voiced and fine-tuned. There were enough ranks of pipes up and running to make a joyful sound! Mark your calendars for four significant organ events:

- **SUNDAY, MAY 14, 9:30 a.m.**

Sarah Williams presents an *Organ Show and Tell Hour*. Everyone is invited to the choir loft for a kid friendly presentation on the new organ. The children will get to sit by the console for an up-close view AND try out the new instrument. Everyone can ask questions and hear Sarah attempt to explain how an organ works. You will hear the different sounds the organ makes and Sarah will play a few tunes.

- **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 7 p.m.**

A short **Service of Dedication** where we will dedicate the organ for its use in our church.

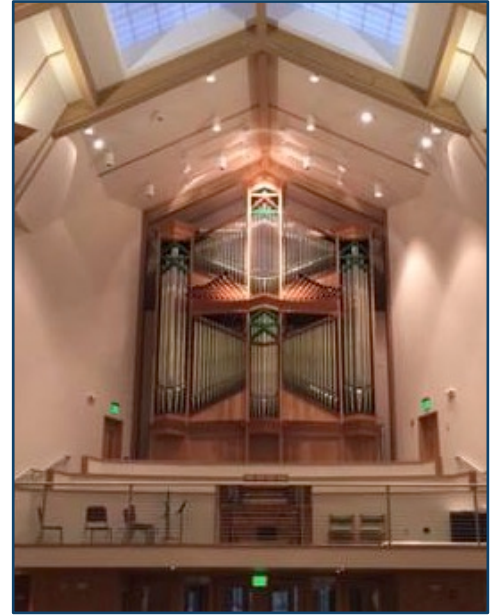
- **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 7:30 p.m.**

Organ Dedication Concert with Todd Wilson, world-renowned organist and professor at the Cleveland Institute of Music. This will be a gala affair with a wine and hors d'oeuvres reception afterward. This concert is when the community gets to hear this organ for the first time, and members of the local chapter of the American Guild of Organists, the workers and families of John-Paul Buzard Organ Builders, other area church musicians, and donors to the organ fund campaign will be there. All Pilgrim members are invited to this event to proudly share our instrument with the community!

- **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 7:30 p.m.**

Pilgrim friend and renowned Lutheran organist/composer/hymn festival leader **David Cherwien** will present a **Hymn Festival for the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation**. We are promoting this with the I/K Synod and central IN Lutheran churches and we hope this will be a hallmark event for churches celebrating the Reformation this fall. For Pilgrim our Reformation celebrations this year are less historical re-enactment and celebrate where we are now given our new organ and the music making potential it brings.

Finally, I would like to thank several groups of people: Thank you to the people who have furnished lunch for the organ builders. They have appreciated Pilgrim's hospitality very much. Thank you to the many donors who gave to the organ fund – we have to date received 90% of pledged funds. Thank you to the donor whose generous gift helped get this project underway and moving forward. Thank you to Darrell Pike, Steve Worth, and Noel Shilling who have all stepped forward to help in ways that only they could have done. And thank you in advance to Carol Dahoney and Margie Fougeron, and the Congregational Life committee who is partnering with the Fine Arts Series to coordinate the dedication concert reception. (– Sarah Williams, Cantor to the Congregation)



VBS Enrollment Form

July 17-21, 2017 • 9 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Name of Parents _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Email _____ Cell (mom) _____ Cell (dad) _____

In case of an emergency and parents are not available, please contact:

Name _____ Cell _____

Children must be 4 years of age by June 1, 2017, to attend VBS.

All ages up through those children entering 6th grade are welcome to attend.

Students entering 7th grade and higher may volunteer to be camp counselors (Adults, too).

Name	Gender	Age	Grade Entering in fall <i>Preschoolers list birth date; must be 4 by June 1, 2017.</i>	Allergies/ Special Needs
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

We do our best to put children together per parent request but it does not always work out as we set our groups. Please understand if we unable to fulfill your request and trust your child will still have a wonderful experience.

We ask for a supply fee at the time of registration:

\$30 per child for non-members and \$20 per child for Pilgrim Lutheran Church members.

Registration and checks may be dropped off at the church office or mailed to:

PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH
3650 West 106th Street
Carmel, IN 46032

Please register no later than **JUNE 30, 2017.**

We need to be sure we have enough supplies to accommodate our campers!

Questions: contact Gloria Worth, Director of Christian Education
(317) 846-2221, ext. 1226, or gloriaworth@pilgrimindy.org.

Thank you!

PILGRIM LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL & PARENTS' TIME OUT

What a great month April was at the preschool. All the classes focused on the Easter story when we returned from Spring Break. The preschool has a wonderful video from the Beginners Bible series that does a fantastic job of telling the Easter story in a way in which preschool aged children can understand and relate. Many of the classes then made crosses and/or Easter cards to take home and share with their families.

We also had many visitors do animal programs with us in April. We had a preschool science instructor do a program with the 4s and 5s about snakes and how and why they shed their skin. We had a visitor from Cool Creek Park who brought turtles in to show the 4s classes and also shared with us many interesting turtle facts. Also, we are so grateful to the Sims family from Pilgrim Lutheran who brought llamas for everyone to see! We learned a lot about llamas and the children were even given the opportunity to feed the llamas! We love "Llama Day!"

It is with amazement that we approach the month of May! Our school year ends on May 24...August seems like only yesterday! It is amazing how all of our children have grown – spiritually, physically, emotionally, socially, cognitively, and creatively. Many of our students will be making the big move to kindergarten in the fall; we will miss them dearly since many have been with us since they were toddlers. We are so grateful that our families have shared their children with us.

We will begin our summer program right away, on May 30, where we have many fun activities planned. Our last day of summer camp is on Friday, June 30. Exciting times await us!

We are almost full for the 2017-2018 school year. We do have a few openings in Tuesday/Thursday 2s and here and there in a couple other classes. Many classes are full with waiting lists. The preschool also is accepting teaching applications for qualified individuals for the 2017-2018 school year. Please contact Amy Tucker for more information.

Thanks again to all of you who support our ministry to our young children and their families in our congregation and our community. Please continue to keep us all in your prayers.

In His Service,
Amy Tucker



MAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

8 a.m.

10:45 a.m.

MAY 7, 2017

Jim Durst	ELDER	Gwen Knipstein
Max Shurr, Kayla Nelsen	ACOLYTE	Aaron Donley, Malik Dorn
Shurr & Nelsen families	GREETERS	Donley & Dorn families
Mike Przybylski	LAY ASSISTANT	Frank Bates
Jim Durst	A/V COVERAGE	Mark Tisdale

MAY 14, 2017

Jim Durst	ELDER	Steve Sullivan
Trinity Dorn, Evan Veatch	ACOLYTE	Ella Konow Tess Hawkins-Wilding
Dorn & Veatch families	GREETERS	Konow & Hawkins-Wilding families
Karin Veatch	LAY ASSISTANT	John Williams
N/A	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Emma Williams
N/A	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Jim Williams
Jim Durst	A/V COVERAGE	Mark Tisdale

MAY 21, 2017

Kelly Brown	ELDER	Bob Schumacher
Elizabeth Rexing Andrew Rexing	ACOLYTE	Claire Weems Charlie Harriman
Rexing Family	GREETERS	Weems & Harriman families
Trent Johnsey	LAY ASSISTANT	Gloria Worth
Dave Runkel	A/V COVERAGE	Mark Tisdale

MAY 28 2017

Kelly Brown	ELDER	Jim Williams
Marla Murphy, Will Kelleher	ACOLYTE	Nolan Elser Johannes Schadow
Kelleher Family	GREETERS	Eiser & Schadow families
Denny Licht	LAY ASSISTANT	Tammy Donley
Steve Bloom	A/V COVERAGE	Mark Tisdale

Donna Follstad	ALTAR GUILD	Donna Follstad
Barb Bowen	CHANCEL VOLUNTEER	Stephanie Boarman-Rowe Flo Westerman
Larry Shimer Bob Harshbarger	USHERS	Dave Blase, Rich Knipstein Jim Shockey, Greg Rexing
	COFFEE SET UP/CLEAN UP	

WEDNESDAYS

MAY 3, 2017

ELDER

Dave Blase

LAY ASSISTANT

Frank Bates

MAY 10, 2017

ELDER

Bob Schumacher

LAY ASSISTANT

John Shilling

MAY 17, 2017

ELDER

Bob Schumacher

LAY ASSISTANT

Susie Pike

MAY 24, 2017

ELDER

Kathy Bloom

LAY ASSISTANT

Maureen Jordan

MAY 31, 2017


ELDER

Kathy Bloom

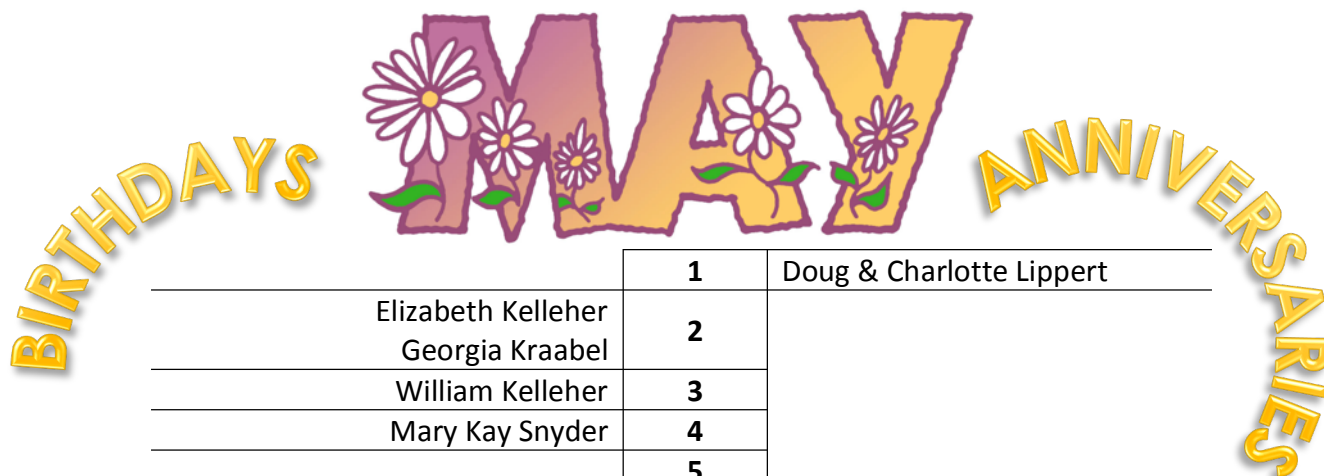
LAY ASSISTANT

Eileen Hintz

MAY 2017 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 9a Preschool 6p Jazzercise	2 9a Preschool 9:30a Large Print 10a Sacred Threads 7p Board of Elders 7:30p Poetry Plus	3 9a Preschool 2:30p Carmel Library Bookmobile 6p Jazzercise 7p Evening Prayer w/Holy Communion	4 9a Preschool 9:15a MOMs 9:30a Large Print 6p Handbell rehearsal 6p Jazzercise 7p Choir rehearsal	5 9a Preschool	6 8a Jazzercise 12p United Church of God
7 8a Worship & Holy Communion 9a Youth Bells 9:30a Sunday School 9:30a Voters' Meeting 10:45a Worship & Holy Communion	8 9a Preschool 6p Jazzercise 6:30p Board of Directors	9 9a Preschool 9:30a Large Print	10 9a Preschool 2:30p Carmel Library Bookmobile 6p Jazzercise 7p Evening Prayer w/Holy Communion 7:30p Combo Group	11 9a Preschool 9:15a MOMs 9:30a Large Print 12p Preschool Spring Program 6p Handbell rehearsal 6p Jazzercise 7p Choir rehearsal	12 9a Preschool 12p Preschool Spring Program	13 8a Jazzercise 12p United Church of God 5p Social Time @ Dahoneys 7p Phantom of the Opera event
14 8a Worship & Holy Communion 9a Youth Bells 9:30a Organ Show & Tell 10:45a Worship & Holy Communion  HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY	15 9a Preschool 6p Jazzercise 7p Evangelism/Communications	16 9a Preschool 9:30a Large Print 12p Super Senior Luncheon 7p Board of Directors	17 9a Preschool 2:30p Carmel Library Bookmobile 6p Jazzercise 7p Evening Prayer w/Holy Communion 7:30p Congregational Life	18 9a Preschool 9:30a Large Print 6p Handbell rehearsal 6p Jazzercise 6:15p Choir Rehearsal 7p Kindergarten Connection	19 9a Preschool 7p Kindergarten Connection	20 10a Confirmation Breakfast set-up
21 8a Worship & Holy Communion 9a Confirmand Breakfast 9a Youth Bells 10:45a Worship & Holy Communion 10:45a Affirmation of Baptism	22 9a Preschool 6p Jazzercise	23 9a Preschool 9:30a Large Print 6p WELCA Service Project: Newborn Kits	24 9a Preschool 2:30p Carmel Library Bookmobile 6p Jazzercise 7p Evening Prayer w/Holy Communion	25 9:30a Large Print 11a Preschool Staff luncheon	26 6p Hoffman Rehearsal	27 8a Jazzercise 3:30p Hoffman Wedding
28 8a Worship & Holy Communion 10:45a Worship & Holy Communion	29 OFFICE CLOSED 8a Jazzercise 6p Jazzercise	30 9a Preschool 9:30a Large Print	31 9a Preschool 2:30p Carmel Library Bookmobile 6p Jazzercise 7p Evening Prayer w/Holy Communion			

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



	1	Doug & Charlotte Lippert
Elizabeth Kelleher	2	
Georgia Kraabel		
William Kelleher		
Mary Kay Snyder		
Caroline Berg		
Evan Veatch		
	9	
Ryker Kuechler	10	Marvin & Kathi Brethauer
Barbara Schroeder		
Ewell Thrasher		
Kristen Clemens	11	
Aaron Donley		
Caroline Martin		
	14	
Michael Euser	15	Taylor & Melissa Hatfield
Mary Harshbarger	16	
Marleen Thrasher		
Mary Kroger	20	
Joshua Rexing		
Alan Maul	21	
Ann Powell		
Samuel Sailer		
Kathy Clark	22	Duane & Dee Pierson Paul & Phyllis Swanson
Ella Konow		
Jimmy Pike		
Ryan Hanson	23	
Judie Williams		
	26	Darrell & Susie Pike
Kevin Harriman	27	
Dave Hunden		
Tim Luekens		
Mary Gigowski	28	
Stephen Sullivan Sr.		
Sally Shockey	30	Chris & Amy Jordan
Kevin Fischer	31	
Patrick Murphy		