



# The Mountain Top Messenger

ZION LUTHERAN EVANGELICAL CHURCH, ASHLAND, WI NOVEMBER 2018

Here we are November, start of winter, hunting season, Thanksgiving, followed by, if you haven't done it already, Christmas shopping. Where has the year gone? As I was preparing to write this article everything I was working on kept coming back to Thanksgiving, and not necessarily just the holiday, but thanksgiving in general. As I reflected on my life and what I seem to see in the life of others and of the world in general, I get the feeling that we often fall short of giving thanks when thanks are due. I use the United States as an example, all of the wonderful things this country has to offer, even in these times of unprecedented division, we set aside one day a year to give thanks. As I contemplated this further I found that I too am guilty of failing to give thanks often enough for all of the blessings that God has bestowed on me and continues to bestow. Just waking up in the morning, it, in itself, is a wonderful time to ask the Lord for thanks for allowing me to see the beauty of another day.

As I was continuing on my thanksgiving trail I realized that often we give God thanks for the big things, the things that stand out, but we, or at least I, forget about all of the little things that happen. I experienced that just this morning, I was in the sanctuary and the LFOJ kids came over to practice for LFOJ Sunday this coming Sunday. I was visiting with the children, now it just so happens that one of those children is my granddaughter, and the joy in seeing her smile at me and wave and give me the "hi Grampa" was heartwarming. Had it not been that I was working on this, I would probably have skimmed right over thanking the Lord for giving me such a wonderful gift.

Another reminder this week has been my preparation for Lou Pearce's funeral. When I think of Lou and the gift that she was to world, her family, and her church, I can be nothing but thankful. I am going to miss seeing her pulling up to church early Sunday morning, and frankly the last couple of years being a bit concerned as she backed into her place by my car. But again, what a gift. Her devotion to her Lord and His church speaks volumes of her faith and love for her Lord and Savior. I know she was thankful for that, but we should be as well, thanking Lord for allowing us to share with Lou, at church, sewing circle, and

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Sunday Worship Service 9:00am  
Wednesday Evening Service 6:30pm  
Sunday School 10:15am (Sept.-May)  
Bible Studies  
Sunday 10:15am Monday 10:00am

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So as we bear down on thanksgiving, please try and take, if nothing else just a minute or two out of every day, to thank Lord for all that he has done and all that he continues to do in your life. And may Thanksgiving day, for all us who have been assured of eternal life with our Lord and Savior, be every day.

Now as I step of my soapbox or perhaps from behind the pulpit, please enjoy the holiday as well. May Thanksgiving Day, November 22, be a blessing to you and your family as a time for gathering, remembering, and enjoying each

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I also would like to thank you all for your help with the Coats + for kids program and remind you that Advent starts this year on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Blessing and glory and wisdom and **thanksgiving** and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." (Rev 7:12)

Happy Thanksgiving and God Bless.

Pastor Rick



# Our Prayer Concerns

## PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

For good test results, treatment, positive thinking, healing, and comfort during cancer treatments, for those suffering from addiction, mental illness and for healing, strength, comfort, and peace for family we pray for:

<i>Bob Heggie</i>	<i>Kevin Heggie</i>	<i>Joni Frisco</i>
<i>Brad Prill</i>	<i>Johnny Galligan</i>	<i>Alice Balmer</i>
<i>Mary Bullis</i>	<i>Tim Smith</i>	<i>Jim Bullis</i>
<i>Ellen Hodgson</i>	<i>Doug Tutor</i>	<i>Barb Bjork</i>
<i>David Kaarre</i>	<i>Joan Spalding</i>	<i>Ruth Goldman</i>
<i>Lloyd Koosmann</i>	<i>Tim Fulton</i>	<i>David Palm</i>
<i>Theresa Koosmann</i>	<i>Mike Dimich</i>	<i>Randy Lauer</i>
<i>Margaret Goodwin</i>	<i>Doris Nye</i>	<i>Crystal Flectcher</i>
<i>Steve Wahlston</i>	<i>Steve Gilmore</i>	<i>Marty Kaarre</i>
<i>Ruth Young</i>	<i>Mary Helen Bergschneider</i>	
<i>Sheryl Hildebrandt</i>	<i>Heather Gust</i>	<i>Cheryl Lueck</i>
<i>Ron Wegener</i>	<i>Kate Smith</i>	<i>Larry Steckling</i>
<i>Wendy Clark</i>	<i>Linda Larson-Nelson</i>	<i>Rebecca Gurske</i>
<i>Rachel Juoni</i>	<i>Sue Dimich</i>	<i>Gary McLaughlin</i>
<i>Ingrid Pocernich</i>	<i>and those in our hearts.</i>	

**PRAYERS FOR HOMEBOUND** Those who aren't able to attend common worship that they would find comfort knowing that the Lord is with them. *Walt Schutte, Arlene Zimmerman, Madge Houle, Donna Graves*

**PRAYERS FOR PROTECTION** For our full-time troops and public servants, for travel, missionaries, and for peace and protection for families. *David Wright, Johanna Pearce,*



### Please pray for:

Abiding Savior Lutheran Church (LCMS), Anderson, SC. Average Sunday attendance is 66. They know that small churches around them are closing their doors and they don't want to be one of them. Rev. Howard Jones, 70 years young with no plans to retire, is Pastor. They earnestly want to reach out to the unchurched. Please pray for the pastor, the people, and those who need to be reached for the Lord.



## November Mission

### Coats Plus for Kids

During the month of November, we will be collecting winter items for local children. There are four ways that you could help us out.

1. Donate new or homemade scarves, hats, mittens/gloves
2. Check with one of us for sizes on coats, boots, snow pants to purchase
3. Help us fulfill our requests with a monetary donation.
4. Help one of those who are taking a “source” (OLL, Elem. School, etc.) with purchasing items and/or delivering to the “source”.

*Thank you for your thoughts and service. The Evangelism Committee*

**Fall Spaghettii/Meatball  
Pot Luck Dinner  
Sunday, November 4th  
11:30 (following Sunday  
School and Bible Study)  
Please stay after the  
service for Bible Study  
- the morning's topic will  
be: special topic**



**This will be a “kick-off” for Coats+ For Kids, and hon-**



“On the Lighter Side”

## *Hundreds Hospitalized After New Hymn Introduced in Church*

Huron, SD – Hundreds were hospitalized and scores more traumatized for life in the wake of a disastrous hymn roll-out this past Sunday. Recklessly acting in a way contrary to all Lutheran sensibilities, Pastor Norman Schroeder inserted a previously unsung hymn, “Through Jesus’ Blood and Merit,” into the church service.

“I remember paging to hymn 372 and thinking that it looked unfamiliar,” said helpless victim Delores Hamilton from her hospital bed. “My heart started pounding in my chest! My vision narrowed! As we started singing

my hands trembled uncontrollably. I felt lightheaded! I don’t even think I made it through the first stanza before I passed out.”

First responders were overwhelmed by the chaotic scene. Ambulances struggled to make their way through the terrified mob streaming through the church parking lot. Inside the sanctuary, hundreds were incapacitated, many still frozen with their hands clutched over their ears in a vain attempt to shut out the unfamiliar tune. The few conscious congregants were in such a weakened state they were unable to assist their more gravely injured Lutherans.

“We haven’t seen such a tragedy since the Reformed Church tried to introduce a contemporary version of the Song of Simeon,” lamented local Police Chief Richard Johnson. “Thank goodness there was no loss of life. If we hadn’t tasered the organist, the death toll would have been truly catastrophic.”

The investigation is only beginning, but already red warning lights are flashing in the eyes of any common sense Lutheran. Why didn’t Pastor Schroeder run his plans through the worship committee? Why wasn’t the hymn tune introduced as postlude, prelude, and offertory? Why weren’t congregants warned the standard three months in advance that a new hymn was being introduced?

Only a fair, impartial investigation and the immediate excommunication of Pastor Schroeder can ensure such a tragedy never occurs again.

*Below are some of the comments of this article:*

*I have worked with head trauma, stroke and Alzheimer patients etc.....Those old familiar simple hymns made their eyes light up and gave them a touch with memories again....They knew them well and sang with gusto....but their own names they couldn’t remember .....Many people in church are dealing with hurts, sicknesses , etc. ...familiar hymns help them heal, give them renewed strength to face their heartaches, pains and problems... they can go home and make it thru another week..... Many joyful songs lift their hearts especially Christmas carols, etc.....With the startling increase in Alzheimer’s population....think we need all the music therapy we can get... It is easy to poke fun until you have walked in another person’s shoes....*

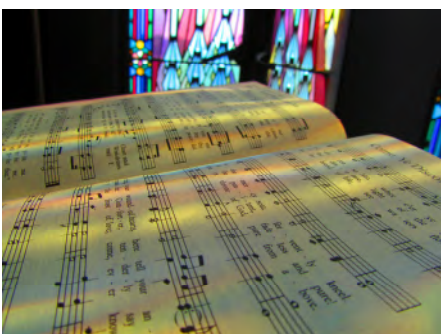
*Reminds me of an old joke.*

*How many Lutherans does it take to change a light bulb? None, we don’t like change....*

*Do you know the difference between an Organist & a Terrorist? You can negotiate with a terrorist.*

*I remind congregants there was a time they didn’t know Jesus Loves Me either!*

*We are generally willing to give most anything a try, but reserve the right to give feedback as to whether the*



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**Mustard Seed**

## Daily Devotions

Lutheran Women in Mission

### **God didn't use a cookie cutter when He created us.**

#### **In the Word**

*Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?*  
[1 Corinthians 12:29-30](#)

#### **Of the Word**

Jill stared in the mirror, examining her limp hair and not-so-perfect teeth. "Why can't I have curly hair like Amy's?" she complained. "She's beautiful, sings solos in the church choir and has loads of friends." Jill was forgetting her own lovely eyes, her winning ways with kids and her shrewd business sense.

God didn't use a cookie cutter when He created us, stamping out everyone to fit the exact same mold. *God has made us what we are* (Ephesians 2:10a GW). Our Creator knew exactly the best way to put us all together – physical characteristics, talents, and personality. Then, He drew up a plan for us to use His gifts. *He has created us in Christ Jesus to live lives filled with good works that he has prepared [in advance] for us to do* (Ephesians 2:10b GW).

Every person is God's unique creation. Every life has a purpose. What joy we find in discovering our God-given gifts and following His lead in using them to serve others!

#### **Walking with My Lord**

**Father, thank You for creating me just as You wished. Forgive me when I compare myself to others and complain about the gifts I lack. Show me how to honor You with the abilities You have given me. In Jesus' name. Amen.**



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Dear Friends,

Today was a busy day as we awoke early to take our neighbor friend to Duluth for an angiogram. Jim had a stroke a few years ago and has been having some chest tightness, etc. To make a long story short, the test went well and Jim does not need further medical treatment- just a good diet and exercise. Hmm... seems many of us are hearing that remedy lately. It was a good day at the doctor for Jim.



Herb and I used the time to do some shopping in Duluth. What caught my eye was how so many stores are already setting up "shop" for the Christmas season. The music is playing, candy canes greet you at the door, evergreen scents the air, and many store elves are stocking shelves with toys, chocolate, ornaments and so much more. Seems a little early... well, maybe!

Many times we see all this stuff and we say "only in America." But our son, Joe, who lives in Singapore, reported that all the decorations for Christmas are already up... and believe me, Singapore spreads a full light show with choirs and musical group performing on the sidewalks... and decorated store windows calling all people to be part of the grand and glorious celebration of Christmas.



Today I even remembered that during the 10 years we lived in Pakistan (95% Muslim population), there was a keen interest in Christmas. Everyone enjoyed all the decorations Christians would put up. Our neighbors would send gifts at Christmas and ask to come and see our tree and share a cup of chai (sweet tea). Almost always they asked us: *Why do you celebrate Christmas?*

So ready or not... it is soon time to dust off the sandals for the road to Bethlehem, locate some gifts like Wise (Wo)Men, and tune our voices





Zion is looking for someone who likes to have the Church looking clean and tidy.

Our present Sexton/Janitor, Charles Chronis, will be retiring effective December 31st and we need someone willing to take on that responsibility beginning January 1st, 2019. If you are interested please contact Nick Jarvela for fur-



### A Daily

### Thanksgiving Prayer

"Dear God, Thank you for your amazing power and work in our lives, thank you for your goodness and for your blessings over us. Thank you for your great love and care.

Thank you for your sacrifice so that we might have freedom and life. Forgive us for

when we don't thank you enough, for who you are, for all that you do, for all that you've given. Help us to set our eyes and our hearts on you afresh. Renew our spirits, fill us with your peace and joy. We love you and we need you, this day and every day. We give you praise and thanks, for You alone are worthy! In Jesus' Name,



DEVOTE YOURSELVES TO  
*Prayer.*  
C O L O S S I A N S 4 : 2



### Never too Early

LFOJ is once again looking for someone who would be able to shovel the entrances of the building in the mornings, by 6:00am. It is a paid position. If this is something you could



Turn clocks back one hour

# REVIEW



Martin Luther's Small Catechism - when was the last time you looked through your catechism? One year? Ten years? Forty years? A review at any time is a good thing and more times the better. It helps us to keep refreshed in our beliefs and ideals. This will be a monthly addition to the Newsletter. We hope that you will review and enjoy, and maybe learn something that was forgotten.

## 4. What Baptism Indicates

Fourth

*What does such baptizing with water indicate?*

It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

*Where is this written?*

St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six: "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life" [Rom. 6:4].

### What is the Old Adam?

The Old Adam is the corrupt and evil nature that we inherit because of Adam's fall into sin.

**Eph. 4:22** Put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according

to the deceitful lusts (NKJV).

### How is this Old Adam to be drowned in us?

The Old Adam is to be drowned by daily contrition (sorrow for sins) and repentance (faith), by which we resist and overcome evil desires.

**Luke 9:23** If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me.

**Gal. 5:24** Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires.

### What is the new man?

The new man is the new spiritual life and nature, created in us by the washing of rebirth.

**2 Cor. 5:17** If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.

### How is this new man to emerge and arise?

The new man emerges and arises as we daily live and grow before God in true faith and good works.

**Eph. 4:24** Put on the new man which was cre-

## An Explanation of The Small Catechism

### How does Baptism indicate the daily drowning of the Old Adam and the emergence of the new man?

By Baptism we have been made to share in Christ's death and resurrection. As He has buried our sin, so we too can and must daily overcome and bury it. And as He is risen from the dead and lives, so we too can and must daily live a new life in Him.

**Rom. 6:3-4** Don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

### With which words do we regularly remember our Baptism?

The words "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" come from the baptismal command (Matt. 28:19) and are known as the Trinitarian Invocation. By repeating these words, in church or by ourselves, we recall, claim, and confess before heaven, earth, and hell all that God the Holy Trinity has given us in our Baptism.

**Rom. 8:38-39** I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Bible narrative: The three persons of the blessed Trinity revealed themselves at the Baptism of our Lord (Lu.ke 3:21-22).

Note: The Trinitarian Invocation may be accompanied by the sign of the cross, made at our Baptism upon our foreheads and hearts to mark us as "redeemed by Christ the crucified."

### A Short Form for Holy Baptism in Cases of Emergency

In urgent cases, in the absence of a pastor, any Christian may administer Holy Baptism. Take water, call the person by name, and apply the water, saying: "I baptize you in the name of the Father

## Zion Lutheran Church – Council Minutes October 15, 2018

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

2. **OPENING WITH PRAYER** by John Pruss

3. **ROLL CALL CALL** John Pruss – President Lisa Guski – Treasurer/LFOJ, Darryl Warren – Elder, Lynn Ladd – Office Secretary Lori Landry – Evangelism, Chuck Chronis – Stewardship

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** 1<sup>st</sup> Lori 2<sup>nd</sup> Lisa MMC

5. **PASTOR'S REPORT** N/A

6. **APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT** (as printed)

1<sup>st</sup> Chuck 2<sup>nd</sup> Darryl MMC

7. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING**

1<sup>st</sup> Lisa 2<sup>nd</sup> Lori MMC

8. **BOARD REPORTS** (Printed)

Trustees: - Following up on elevator inspection report

Financial Secretary: First time – September took in more money than spent

Education: nothing to report

Little Friends of Jesus: included

Evangelism: Working on Coats+ For Kids – need help – Pastor said he would assist

Receiving names for college/tech students for care packages

Stewardship: nothing to report

Approval of Reports 1<sup>st</sup> Lisa 2<sup>nd</sup> Chuck MMC

9. **OFFICIAL ACTS** - none

10. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Lutherans For Life - 47% of LCMS members believe abortion is okay in any circumstance. 95% of their funding comes from gifts. Will bring up again in the Newsletter and service during Lent.

B. 2019 Will have a draft ready soon for the council to review and then propose to the congregation for approval.

Chuck 1<sup>st</sup> Lisa 2<sup>nd</sup> MMC

C. Each Committee is working on their own needs of continuous or new members.

D. Background checks - tabled

E. Camp Luther is asking for congregational support from Wis/Mich. churches for their building campaign. Asking if each church would pledge

\$1000/year for five years. Zion will budget

\$1000/year for five years with final approval going to the congregation in Dec. 2018.

F. Pastor Kaare - tabled

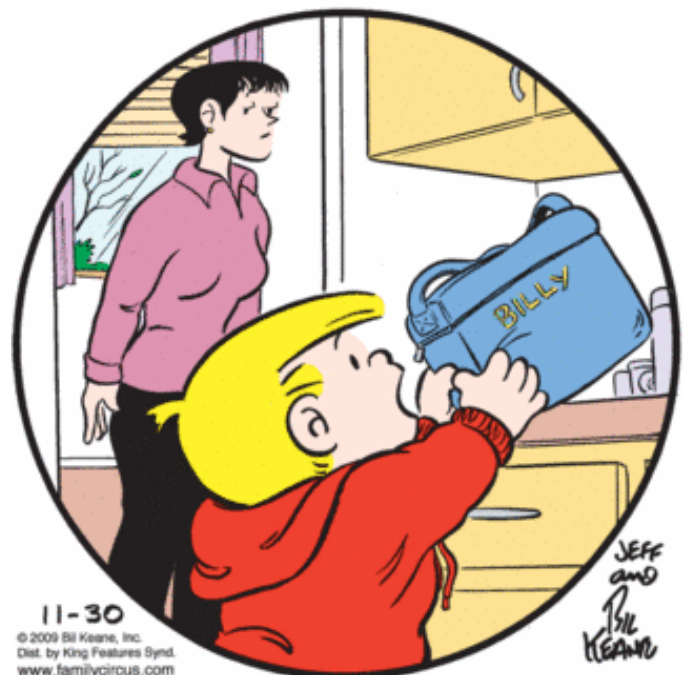
11. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Altar candles oil/wicks

The church will be responsible for purchas-



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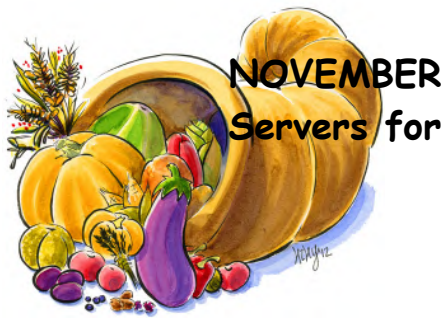
**"Nobody traded lunches today.  
EVERYBODY had turkey sandwiches."**



# November



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 8th Grade Confirmation 9:00am
<b>X Time changes</b> <b>4</b> Mite Sunday <b>Worship 9:00am</b> Bible Study 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am PotLuck Dinner 11:30am LGP 2:00pm	<b>5</b> 10:00am Bible Study  Evangelism Mtg. 5:30pm  Dartball at St. Paul 7:00-m	<b>6</b> <b>LFOJ Chapel</b> <b>11:00pm</b>	<b>7</b> <b>LFOJ Chapel</b> <b>11:00am</b>  Confirmation 1:30 –3:00pm  <b>Worship</b> <b>6:30pm</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> <b>Worship 9:00am</b> Bible Study 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am	<b>12</b> 10:00am Bible Study  Dartball vs. St. Annes 7:00pm	<b>13</b> Sewing Circle 1pm	<b>14</b> Confirmation 3:30-5:00pm <b>Worship</b> <b>6:30pm</b>	<b>15</b> Winkel	<b>16</b> Newsletter Reports Due	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> <b>Worship 9:00am</b> Bible Study 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am Trustees' Mtg. 10:15am LGP 2:00pm	<b>19</b> 10:00am Bible Study  Council Mtg. 5:30pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>6:30pm</b>	<b>22</b> <b>Thanks -aivina</b> 	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> Food Shelf Sunday <b>Worship 9:00am</b> Bible Study 10:15am	<b>26</b> 10:00am Bible Study  Dartball vs. Messiah 7:00pm	<b>27</b> Sewing Circle 1pm	<b>28</b> Court Manor 10:15am AHRC 1:45 Confirmation 3:3--5:00pm <b>Worship</b> <b>6:30pm</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Sunday</b> <b>Dec. 2nd</b> <b>Voters' Mtg.</b>



Our Servers for our Worship Service are very important. We ask that if you are unable to serve on your designated date, please find someone else to take your place. We really appreciate your help in this matter!! If you would like to be added or taken off one of our lists

November	Elders	Acolytes	Ushers	Greeters
Sun 4th	Andy Pruss John Pruss	Daniel	Tim Bauer	Karen Wahl
<b>Wed. 7th</b>	Randy Spangle			
Sun. 11th	Doug Warren Darryl Warren	Austin	Jim Hebert	Sapper Family
<b>Wed. 14th</b>	Scott Thimm			
Sun. 18th	John Pruss Andy Pruss	Faith	Adam Hinch	Pat & Katie Colgrove
<b>Wed. 21st</b> Thanksgiving	Doug Warren	Matthew	Karl Williams	Vyskocil Family
Sun. 25th	Darryl Warren John Pruss	Adeline	Andrew Wickman	Brian & Linda Klobucher
<b>Wed. 28th</b>	Randy Spangle			
Sun. Dec. 2nd	Scott Thimm Andy Pruss	Lily	Larry Hildebrandt	Sally & Roger Gustafson
<b>Wed. Dec. 5th</b>	Scott Thimm	Austin	Jake Pruss	Clarence & Kathy Osmak
Sun. 9th	Darryl Warren John Pruss	Daniel	Nick Jarvela	Honkala Family
Wed. 12th	Randy Spangle	Faith	Kyle Sapper	Ron & Brenda Schwiesow
Sun. 16th	Andy Pruss	Matthew	Chris Bolz	Loren & Ellie Munson
Wed. 19th	Scott Thimm	Adeline	Rick Nutt	Sunie Family
Sun. 23rd	Doug Warren Darryl Warren	Faith	Brian Klobucher	Don & Laurie Moreland
Mon. 24th 4:00pm	Scott Thimm Randy Spangle	Lilly	Clarence Osmak	Wickman Family
Mon. 24th 7:00pm	John Pruss Andy Pruss	Austin	Adam Hinch	Warren & Peggy Draeger
Tues. 25th 9:00am	Doug Warren	Adeline	Jim Johnson	June Williams
No Service on Wednesday December 26th				
Sun. 30th	Darryl Warren	Matthew	Todd Vyskocil	Pat & Katie Colgrove



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