

The Mountain Top **Messenger**

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Grace and Peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior

As much as I hate to say it, it appears our summer is starting to wind down. It is getting light later in the morning and the sun is setting earlier and earlier. The other morning I took my dogs out for their morning walk and it was quite crisp and had that smell and feel of fall in the air. As I thought about the approach of fall I thought of how rapidly time seems to fly by. And I don't know if it's just me, but it seems the older you get the faster it goes by.

As I thought about that, I realized my first month as your Deacon has just flown by. I want to thank everyone for allowing me this opportunity to serve you. This first month has been an absolute blessing, and as with any new occupation I suppose, a series of firsts. I performed my first communion service for the congregation, I held my first Chapel sessions with the children from LFOJ, I performed my first visitations with some of our shut-ins and shared home communion with them, and I performed my first funeral on Friday, the 24th for Roger Basina.

All of these firsts, have helped me to further understand how humbling it is to serve the Lord. To see the glimmer in the children's eyes from LFOJ and hear their questions, questions like "Where did God come from"? Such innocence and curiosity. To visit with a shut-in who has no idea who I am but can recite with me every word from the red Hymnal page 15 service. It sends chills through the body to see the power of the Lord at work. I at times have felt badly that there were times in my life where the Lord's work wasn't that important to me, times when I neglected Him. For quite a while I felt guilty about those times until someone reminded me, guilt is sin, and through Christ, God forgives those sins. So the best thing I can do is give those sins to the Lord, and use those times and experiences of my life to help myself and others grow in the Lord.

On another note we have received word from Pastor Dunbar that he received our call papers and is prayerfully considering our call and he asks that we all continue to pray for him, his family, and his congregation as he considers the call. Other items that I have seen progressing this month are the plans for this year's Sunday School program, as well as the confirmation program. Things look very exciting and I am sure if you would like to assist in any way the people working on those programs would welcome any and all help.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Rick Williams, Deacon, Zion Lutheran Church

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Stewardship Thoughts

Christian Stewardship is a spiritual issue and its importance must be impressed upon a congregation. What is the best way for congregational stewardship to take place?

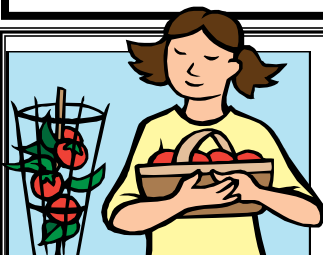
Instruction can take place in the worship service itself through preaching, the liturgy, stewardship hymns, and prayers. It can also take place in a class where members are taught that stewardship is about how they manage everything God has entrusted to them including their relationship with God, their relationship with other people, their relationship with themselves, their relationship with God's creation, and their relationship with possessions.

Christian stewardship is a whole life issue and not just a money issue. Parishioners must understand and be reminded regularly of the importance of stewardship in their daily lives.
From your Stewardship Committee

NEED A PRAYER?



Zion Lutheran Church has two active prayer chains—a daytime and an evening chain. If you would like to have the chain activated to pray for a specific need, please call Marge Douglas at 682-2160. If you reach the answering machine, please leave a message, but then call the church office at 682-6075 and give the request to the church secretary and the chain will be activated. The Prayer Chain members are asked to keep all prayer requests confidential and not discuss them with others, but caller discretion is advised.



How has your vegetable garden done this summer?

If you are looking at piles of vegetables that won't get eaten or canned, why not drop them off at the Daycare Center. LFOJ would truly love to have fresh, locally grown vegetables for their little ones this summer.

You can drop them off any time, Monday-Thursday, 6:00am-4:30pm. at the Center.



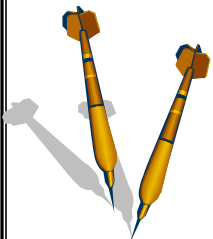


DART BALL (2008-2009 Photo)

The Men's Club Dartball Season will soon be upon us. They are looking for a couple of new players. Please contact either Ken Philaja, 715-682-8578 or Scott Sapper, 715-682-8867, if you would like to play. First practice is Monday, September 17th, at 7:30pm and the first game is October 1st.

They rotate with six other churches, Marengo St. Paul, Sanborn Methodist, Sanborn St. Anne's, Ashland Good Shepherd, Washburn Messiah Lutheran and Ashland Saron Lutheran.

Last year Zion took second place in league and tournament play. They have been first many times. The season usually ends at the end of February, beginning of March.



It is a fun night of camaraderie and sport. They hope to see you come out for darts. No experience necessary. You'll have some great teachers.

THANKS!

To all of you who have been mowing the lawn (especially during those 90° days), taking care of the beautiful flowers, extra cleaning of the church, fixing things, buying supplies and all the smiles and greetings at worship.

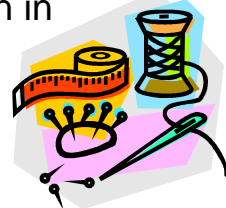


SUNDAY SCHOOL 2012-13

The Education Board is pleased to announce they have a Sunday School Superintendent. It is going to be a shared position between Jodi Truchon, Deb Neheim and Lori Hebert. Thank you for taking on this project for our children and the Lord. We still need a few more teachers. We are having 2-3 teachers per classroom so they can rotate amongst themselves. We have four classrooms: Preschool (3-5 yrs), 1st-3rd Grades, 4-5th Grades and 7-8 Grades. Please give the office a call or speak with one of the board's members – Ellie Munson, Laurie Bauer, Jodi Truchon, Lynn Ladd Thank you!

QUILTERS

The Sewing Circle (Quilters) will be starting up again in September. They meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at



1:00pm. They can always use more hands to help. No need to be a seamstress as this work can be done by anyone. So ladies, please find a couple extra hours twice a month to do the Lord's work.

Quilts made at Zion go to the Orphan Grain Train and to local fire victims and baby quilts to babies baptized at Zion. Hope to see you there!

E The Evangelism Board is requesting monetary donations to help
V them out with a couple of upcoming projects. Envelopes will be
A placed in your mailboxes. They hope you can assist them in these
N endeavors.

G Project One: “Fall Welcome Packages” to Northland college stu-
E dents. The package will include an invite to worship, a scripture
L reading booklet, hand sanitizer, Kleenex, etc.

I Project Two: “Study Help Packages” to our Zion college students
S during their final semester exams in December. The package will in-
M clude items such as a scripture reading booklet, some goodies, ser-
vices dates/times for when they are home, etc.

SCRAPBOOKING Fri., Sept.14 5:30-10:00pm

Church Basement



If you need space, time, or inspiration to get caught up on orga-
nizing photos, getting your photos in albums, scrapbooking or
cardmaking, come join us in the church basement, Friday
night. You will have plenty of space to spread out to work. You
will also have the opportunity to see what others do with their pic-
tures to give you ideas. Soda, water and punch are pro-
vided. Please bring a snack to share. There is a \$5 fee. Please RSVP to Jodi



Little Friends of Jesus - Children
having fun in their playground.
LFOJ would like to once again thank
all those who donated and helped



out with this project. The heavy rains
didn't wash it away and it's holding up
great.

That All May Be One -Alice J. Ellis

Let us be baptized with water and spirit
In the name of the Father, Son, and
Holy Spirit.

That all may be one.

Let us run the race of faith
And keep our eyes fixed on the author
That all may be one.

Let us draw near with bowed heads
And lock hands and hearts in prayer
That all may be one.

Let us share the living bread
And receive the body of Christ
That all may be one.

Let us respond to the music
And sing with the host of heaven
That all may be one.

Let us seek the hungry and thirsty
And share our food and water
That all may be one.

Let us enter the silent mystery
And remember that we are dust
That all may be one.

Let us follow the star of Bethlehem
To fall on our knees and worship
That all may be one.

Let us take our place at the foot of the
cross
And shed the weight of sin and shame
That all may be one.

We are pilgrims on a journey
Knowing Heaven is our home
Jesus is the eternal promise
For in Him...We are One.

LWML

What: LWML Fall Rally

Where: Zion Lutheran Church

When: September 22, 2012, beginning
with registration at 9:30am

Who: ALL ladies of Zion Lutheran Church

The Christian Life topic for the Rally will be
"This is My Father's World (stewardship as
caring for God's creation). There will also
be a presentation by Steve and Debra Ne-
sheim from Zion who have begun a mission
call **artReach**. "Gifts of the Heart" are des-
ignated for LFOJ and there is a list on the
table in the narthex with suggestions. The
registration fee is \$5.00 and a light lunch
will be served.

Come and enjoy a few hours of Christian
fellowship with the ladies in our area. A
sign-up sheet for those planning to attend
will be in the narthex but feel free to come
even if you didn't get to sign up.

- Website -

Have you taken a look at the
Church's website?

www.zionashland.org

Are you having any troubles searching?
Any information not posted? We're look-
ing for suggestions and ideas to make it
"the website to go to". Please check it out
today! Call the office with any sugges-
tions or comments. Thanks!

MISSION SUPPORT

Envelopes are available in the Narthex to
support Jordan Kroll's missionary work in
China. You can place the envelope in the
offering plate or the office.

Sunday School Rally Day

Sunday, September 9th, 2012

10:15am (following service)

Registration for Classes

Music, Mini Devotion

Beverages

Crafts, Games



We encourage parents and children to attend our Sunday School Rally Day. It will be a time to meet the teachers and find out what's hap-

Little Friends of Jesus

has openings in the pre-school program. Children 4 years old by Sept. 1st, meet Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. Children 3 years old by Sept. 1st meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. LFOJ offers theme-based, academic, Christian curriculum. Child care services may also be available at an additional fee. Classes begin September 6th. To enroll, or for more information contact Amy Mashlan at (715)682-6075.

National Grandparent's Day September 9, 2012

(the first Sunday after Labor Day)

It is only right and fitting that one day of the year is set aside to honor our grandparents. It is time to celebrate those special people who are always there with a hug, a kiss, a cookie, something special, or take us somewhere.

National Grandparent's Day originated in 1978. Then President Jimmy Carter declared it to be the first Sunday after Labor Day.

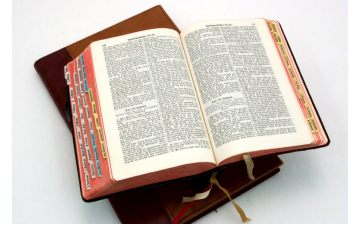
If you can, enjoy the day with them. That is the greatest gift they can receive from you.



If you can't see them, call them. When you call, make sure you have the time for a long conversation. Remember, grandparents will always ask about you first and listen intently to everything you have to say. They are never rushed or in a hurry. They are there just for you.



MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST – Will be starting up again. It is planned to start Thursday, September 20th at 6:00am. Speak with Rick Williams or contact the office if you would like to attend. .



MONDAY BIBLE STUDY

Will be starting back up on Monday, September 10th, at 10:00am. They will be continue their journey through the Bible and will looking at Leviticus. Come join this lively and interesting group.

Camp Luther Announcements and E-Breeze

COUPLES RETREAT!! Sept 21-23- Couples of every age can benefit from time well spent together. Here is a great weekend to do just that! Enjoy camp or local activities, take part in guest speaker Bible study and learning, enjoy devotions offered by camp staff and cap it all off with a candlelit dinner!! Grow, bond and recharge at the Camp Luther Couples Retreat.

VOLUNTEER AT CAMP LUTHER! Join us for our fall Workbee, October 19-21 Workbees are great fun for adults and families. They run from Friday evening through Sunday lunch. It's FREE, and it's a great way to give back as a family and help children learn about Christian service. Join us this year! Register at www.campluther.com.

LIVE, LAUGH, AND LOVE LADIES RETREAT!! Oct 5-7 - Refuel in God's Word and the company of other awesome women at this "just for ladies" retreat. The schedule is designed to draw you closer to God and to each other through a variety of individual, large group and small group activities. There will also be trips to Cranberry Fest in Eagle River, a Ladies night out, plus walking, biking or canoeing amid the beautiful fall colors!

SCRAP, CRAFT AND QUILT! Oct 26-28 - Women of all ages and crafting levels, bring your supplies and enjoy time to craft, share and fellowship together! There will be attendees from novice to expert so there will be much to learn and to teach. There will be spiritual growth time as the days begin and end and throughout the day while you craft. Go to www.campluther.com to learn more.

FALL COTTAGE RETREATS--Plan your individual or family fall getaway at Camp Luther. Cottages are available this fall at HALF OFF the regular \$130-140 per night rate (requires two-night minimum stay). Hike our trails, fish the chain, bike the Three-Eagle Trail, hunt the Nicolet Forest, or just sit back and enjoy a colorful autumn view from your cottage porch. Offer good Labor Day through December 15. Book your family or individual retreat getaway by contacting Camp Luther at 1-877-264-CAMP.

Camp Luther is a subsidiary ministry of the North Wisconsin District-LCMS. Our mission is to build up the Body of Christ for service to the church and witness to the world.

Zion Lutheran Church Council Minutes

August 13, 2012

The August 13, 2012 meeting of the Church Council was called to order by President, Chuck Chronis, who opened the meeting with a prayer.

ROLL CALL: President – Chuck Chronis, Elder – Darryl Warren, Trustee – Jim Johnson, Financial Secretary – Mary Koosmann, Education – Lynn Ladd, Treasurer – Todd Vyskocil, Secretary – Becky Sapper, Evangelism – Lori Hebert, Stewardship – Penny Mattson, and LFOJ – Cheri Tamke.

MINUTES: Motion by Mattson, second by Koosmann, to approve the minutes of the May 2012 Council meeting as printed. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Warren, second by Hebert, to approve the Treasurer's Report through July 2012 as printed. Motion carried.

AGENDA: Motion by Tamke, second by Vyskocil, to approve the agenda with additions to new business. Motion carried.

BOARD REPORTS:

Motion by Johnson, second by Tamke, to accept the Board reports as given. Motion carried.

Trustees – preventative and ongoing maintenance continues; large dead tree removed behind church.

Education – Looking for additional Sunday school teachers; Sunday school calendar is being created; the superintendent duties will be divided among different people.

Little Friends of Jesus – Four new staff hired since May 2012; Playground renovations were completed. LFOJ basement flooded during June heavy rain.

Evangelism – Handed out 1,500 freeze pops and 100 welcome cards during the 4th of July parade; considering a welcome to Northland College students depending on budget.

OFFICIAL ACTS:

Adult Confirmation: Henry Daniel Truchon, 07-22-2012

New Members: Jean Ylitalo (transfer) 6-24-2012; Allison Louise Osmak (confession of faith) 07-29-2012

OLD BUSINESS:

1. A company from Eau Claire will perform the mandatory 5 year safety test on the Elevator.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Motion by Ladd, second by Johnson to accept the benefit package and duty description for the Deacon as brought forth by the Board of Elders. Agreement will be revisited yearly and will end one month after the hiring of a new Pastor. Motion carried. Duties include:
 - a. Providing Word and Sacrament services on Sunday, including special services during lent and advent.
 - b. Maintain office hours (currently 8:00am – 4:30 pm on Mondays; one hour prior to Sunday services and other hours upon request.)
 - c. Be available and on call 24/7 for phone calls to address any concern or issues from members including shut-in updates, prayer requests, and general information.
 - d. Perform funerals as required for members
 - e. Visit shut-ins on a timely basis, including providing in home communion at least once every 6-8 weeks.
 - f. Lead three Bible studies (Sunday, Monday and Thursday)
 - g. Conduct Chapel services for LFOJ
 - h. Assist with Confirmation as needed.
 - i. Meet with Pastor Bo weekly, with face to face meetings every two weeks.
 - j. All other duties necessary for the Spiritual well-being of the congregation.
- B. The mission box will be available for donations to support Jordan Kroll's mission work in China. Voluntary donations from individuals and families will be welcomed and sent to Jordan.
- C. Treasurer will look at different banking options available to help lessen fees/charges.

ADJOURN: Motion by Johnson, second by Tamke to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Little Friends of Jesus

Email: lfoj@zionashland.com

Online: lfoj.org

August 2012

Tid-bits from Administration

Potluck Picnic in the Park

Sunday, August 5th has been set as the first ever LFOJ Picnic in the Park. LFOJ staff, board members and clients are invited for this pot-luck event, to be held at Prentice Park. The small pavilion, closest to the playground, has been reserved from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Bring your own beverages, and a dish to pass. A sign-up sheet is available on the main bulletin board, to get an idea of what everyone is bringing. We are planning to eat at 5:00 p.m.

We are hoping that this will become an annual event, bringing staff and families together.

Summer Staff

As summer begins to wind down, we would like to thank Rachael Anderson and Tina Lashbrook for their time and talents. Both of these women will be leaving LFOJ this month. Rachael will be returning to school at UW-Stout. Tina will be getting ready for the new school year, as she home schools her two children. Please join us as we wish these women well, and hope to have them back next summer!

Preschool Openings

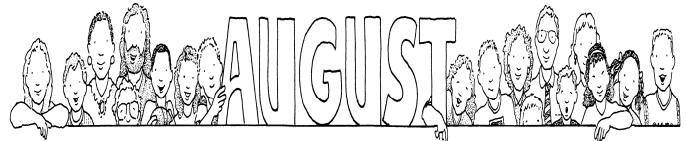
Our Preschool Program for September 2012 has opening available. In the past, our parents have always been the best source of referral for our center. If you know of anyone that would be interested in our Preschool Program, please have them call Karyn or Amy at the church office 715-682-6075. As an added incentive, if a current family refers a new client, they will receive on full-day credit.

CACFP Food Program Forms

September marks the end of the fiscal year for the Child and Adult Care Food Program. LFOJ receives reimbursement based on the income levels of the families we serve. To help ensure that Little Friends is reimbursed appropriately, we need to have these forms on file for every child enrolled at LFOJ. Forms will be distributed the Week of August 27. Please have them returned to me no later than September 7, 2012.

Before & After SA Confirmation Forms

School Age Confirmation Forms were distributed on July 20. Please have them returned no later than August 13.
God's Blessings, Karyn



Totville Times

Happy August! Can't believe summer will soon come to an end. We have a fun month ahead in the I/T room. We will be doing projects and activities about fish, water, sand and sun.

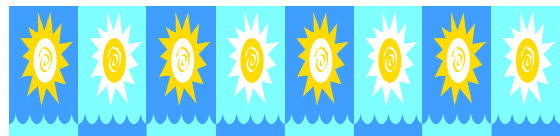
Our friend Jeffrey will begin his transition out into the "Big Kid Room" later this month. Way to go Jeffrey!

Our Bible stories for this month are:

- *Good News*
- *Obey Your Parents*
- *Help Others*
- *Love Other People*

Just a reminder, please make sure your child has an extra set of clothes at daycare at all times, as we tend to get wet/dirty during outside play.

Cassie



Learner Lane

Hello from the Learner Room! We've been keeping cool learning about Jesus! This month, our lesson plan is all about manners, sharing and being good listeners.

Our themes for the month are as follows:

- 7/30 I Say Thank You
King Jehoshaphat (2 Chronicles 20:1-30)
- 8/6 I Take Turns
David and Jonathon (1 Samuel 18:1-4)
- 8/13 I Obey
Recab's Family (Jeremiah 35)
- 8/20 I Share
A Widow Shares With Elijah (1 Kings 17:8-16)
- 8/27

We have one birthday in our Learner room for the month of August. Happy Birthday **Lincoln W.**, who turns 3!

The Learner Room also welcomes our new friend, **Leah A.** who joins us the middle of August.

Ms. Laura

Cook's Corner

Hi there,

Many of you know there is a new cook in the kitchen...me, Ms. Carleen. I moved to Ashland a year ago from the Rice Lake area and absolutely love it! I worked for the school district last year, but felt a need for a change, and feel God has put me here! I have always had a passion for cooking and love trying new things. I am trying to incorporate good tasting, healthy and fun foods for the kids to eat.

If you have any favorite recipes you know your kids like, feel free to leave them for me, and I will try them. If you would like to share your child's favorite food list also, that would be fine. I also like harvest season, so if you have extras, I can put them to good use, or "put them up" for later. I am looking forward to having more fun with your kids!

Carleen

School-Age Scoop

AAAAAHHHH! It's the last month of vacation! Where did the summer go? I hope no one else is panicking at the sight of the school supplies that are already out. Maybe August will go by slowly, and we'll get to enjoy one more vacation or family-fun day!

Each day brings something new with our school-agers. Surprisingly, all of the kids have enjoyed playing jump-rope, especially "school" (does anyone remember that?). **Phoenix** has really gotten good at it! And while the majority of the day, the boys are clustered together around their Pokemon cards or DS's, sometimes **Tessa** and **Claire** entice them away to play in the dramatic play area.

We're happy to see some fresh faces, joining us in our last month together. It will be good to see **Ruby** and **Joel** again, and a big welcome to **Dylan A.**

August begins with our Olympics theme. We'll be using a different Olympic event each day, and maybe participating for a medal of our own!

The week of the 6th will be our Outer Space unit. Our Bible lessons for the week will focus on the story of Abram.

Back by popular demand will be our Construction unit, beginning the thirteenth. All week, the kids can work on making a creation (either with the center's legos or their own from home). We'll be holding LFOJ's second annual LEGO contest on Friday, August 17th, where staff will be the judge.

Bible stories for the week will include the *Tower of Babel*, and *Joshua and the Battle of Jericho*.

The third week of August will be our Colors theme. Each day, the kids will be asked to wear (or if they don't have anything that color to wear, they can bring in an item instead). Our Jesus Time will be about Joseph, and his coat of many colors caused some trouble between him and his brothers.

We'll close August talking about the weather. There will be some fun science activities, and projects to go along with our stories about *Pentecost*, and *Jesus Stills The Storm*.

If you haven't already done so, please let us know if your child will need before/after school care. We'd also appreciate knowing your child's teacher for the 2012-2013 school-year, in case of an emergency.

Blessings on the rest of your summer!

SEPTEMBER Servers for Worship Services

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!!

ELDERS

Sept. 2 Darryl Warren & Don Pocernich
 Sept. 9 John Pruss & Doug Warren
 Sept. 16 Don Pocernich & John Pruss
 Sept. 23 Darryl Warren & Mike Cashman
 Sept. 30 Doug Warren & Chuck Chronis

GREETERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Greeters should arrive by 8:40am

Sept. 2 Loren & Eleanor Munson
 Sept. 9 Karen Wahl & Stephanie Wegener
 Sept. 16 Ron & Brenda Schwiesow
 Sept. 23 Don & Lauri Moreland
 Sept. 30 Warren & Peggy Draeger

SEPTEMBER Acolytes

Sept. 2 Kathryn Draeger & Brooke Sapper
 Sept. 9 Cooper Tamke & Riley Heglund
 Sept. 6 Jordan Thimm & Annie Ylitalo
 Sept. 23 Ciera Maday & Carolyn Gurske
 Sept. 30 Eric Bochler & Tiffany Houle

SEPTEMBER Ushers

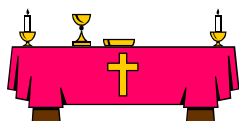
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Sept. 2 Nate Warren & Roger Stenroos
 Sept. 9 Randy Spangle & Scott Pearce
 Sept. 16 Paul Osmak & Steve Nesheim
 Sept. 23 Rick Nutt & Don Moreland
 Sept. 30 Jim Hebert & Wendell Friske



SEPTEMBER ALTAR GUILD

Sue Spangle 682-8015
 Lisa Warren 209-8547
 Ann Williams 682-0960
 Shayla Warren



OFFICIAL ACTS

Adult Confirmation:

Henry Daniel Truchon, 07-22-2012

Transfer:

Jean Ylitalo from St. Paul's Lutheran Church
 - LCMS, Marengo, WI 06-24-2012

New Member:

Allison Louise Osmak – 07-29-2012

Our Prayer Concerns SEPTEMBER

Mission

Zion Lutheran Church
 Little Friends of Jesus Childcare Center
 Jordan Kroll - Mission in China

Thanksgiving

To all of you who have worked faithfully and joyfully to serve our Lord by serving others and often go unnoticed by all but our Heavenly Father.



Nursing Home & Assisted Living Resident

Ed Torkko
 Corrine Tolliver
 Alice Hansen
 Sharon Johnson
 Margaret Mahoney

Shut-in's

Ron Nevala
 Walt Schutte
 Clarence & Madge Houle
 Gloria Mills
 Lois Hein
 Gordon & Marianne Vyskocil
 Otto & Dorothy Rusch

Local & US Concerns

Local & US Concerns

(fulltime and/ or deployed military)



Steve Sorenson, son of Dave & June Sorenson, U.S. Navy, stationed in San Diego, CA

Aaron Aschenbrenner, son-in-law of Lynn & Chuck Ladd, stationed in Eau Claire, WI