

the Bugle

It is timely, I think, that on the first Sunday of August, as we anticipate beginning a capital improvement project, the gospel message is about the rich fool where Jesus says, "one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." This statement reminds us that we are not owners of what is entrusted to us but stewards, caretakers, overseers. We may want to believe we "possess" what we have but in truth, as Paul wrote to Timothy, "we brought nothing into this world, so that we can take nothing out of it." The best we can do is care for, share and apply what we have in ways that are faithful and give honor to the giver. I have truly been amazed at the generosity that has been expressed over the past several months in support of this project that is unfolding. It is a daunting task to renew a facility that has so many needs. For too long, projects have been postponed until several things now lead to a broader project than first anticipated. I suspect we each have a vision for what those needs are but when one area was considered several years ago, lights in the sanctuary, it soon became evident that there are other mechanical, structural and accessible issues that just need to be addressed. Some may see this as an opportunity while others view it as a challenge and beyond what is needed. I am convinced that we do not view the words Paul shared with Timothy the same, "if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these." What about my retirement portfolio? My hobbies? My car? My bicycles? My collectibles? My **stuff**?

My, my, my, my, my, my! My goodness! My is possessive. It implies ownership, control, mastery. But in truth, it would be more accurate to say, our... Remember what Paul said to Timothy. God has given us everything. We are stewards, for what we have remains God's who then gives the earth and its resources to us for a time to care for things, creation,



relationships to our best ability and then, when we move on from this life, we let someone else have the opportunity to do the same. I have heard it said that there is no trailer hitch on a hearse. Whatever we accumulate over the course of our lifetime, we cannot take it with us. We came with nothing. We leave with nothing.

Salem has a rich and deep heritage established in faith through those who preceded us. The individuals who were part of this congregation's beginning, have died in faith and we are now the ones entrusted with the responsibility of caring for the vision and mission of "Growing people in Christ... to love and to serve." I am thankful to be partners in this journey and pray that together we will be faithful in our efforts to grow and enhance ministry opportunities for generations to come. We have been blessed to receive so that we can be a blessing through what we share. For it is to God's glory that we serve.

Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness in Christ.

Now **to him** who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than we can ask or imagine, **to him** be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations for ever and ever. Amen – Ephesians 3:21-21



Pastor Craig Swenson

SHARE
YOUR
SUNDAYS
WITH
FRIENDS

WORSHIP AT SALEM

Summer worship continues on Sundays through **SEPTEMBER 1** at 9am. Evening worship at 6:30pm through **AUGUST 18**. There will be a light dinner at 5:30pm on **AUGUST 11** followed by a casual worship service.

SALEM YOUTH GROUP

SUNDAYS, 7:15PM-8:30PM THROUGH AUGUST 11

Salem students and their friends in grades 6-12 are meeting on Sunday evenings. Spend Sunday evenings with friends as we build community in our youth program and grow together in Christ to love and serve.



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The picnic will be at Salem on Sunday, August 25 after the combined worship service. Please bring a salad (pasta, fruit, lettuce, jello, etc.) or a dessert to pass. The Salem Churchmen will provide the main course and some sides. We'll have the usual fun and games in the east side lot, but possible in the front lawn, too!

Please sign-up so that the Salem Churchmen may plan for food!

SAVE
the DATE

Rally Day

Please save the date for Rally Sunday on **September 8!** More information will be in the September Bugle!

Pastoral Emergency Number:

In case of emergency please call:
Pastor Craig: 309-258-4759 or
Lori Reimer: 309-303-3808



Baby Shower, August 4

The Salem Family is invited to gather in the Fellowship Lounge following worship on Sunday morning, August 4, 2019, for a special Baby Shower/Coffee Hour for our Nursery Attendant, Stephanie Dammann and her husband, Kevin.

Stephanie has been Salem's Sunday morning Nursery Attendant since 2013. She came to us in 2013 as an Early Childhood Education student at Bradley University. She graduated from Bradley, and has remained our nursery attendant through other personal milestones, such as full-time employment as a Peoria Public School teacher and her marriage to Kevin Dammann in May 28, 2016. Stephanie officially joined Salem in membership in 2017.

Salem has been blessed to have Stephanie in our nursery for all these years. Her baby is due August 19. Stephanie will begin 12 weeks of maternity leave when the baby is born and plans to return to Salem's nursery the first week in November. Please take the opportunity to greet Stephanie and Kevin at this special cake and punch coffee hour and wish them well with the birth of their baby boy.

Salem Greeters

Being a Salem Greeter is an easy way to get involved either as an individual or as a whole family. Greeters are the first faces people see when they come to Salem Lutheran Church, so while the job is easy, the impact is deep. The biggest goal is to put a smile on people's faces and to help them feel welcome. To become a Salem Greeter please contact Helene Peterson or sign-up at the Welcome Center.

Salem Seniors: Sunday Lunch Bunch

The Seniors of Salem and friends are invited to the Sunday Lunch Bunch. The group is planning trip to go to lunch beyond Peoria on **Sunday, August 18**. Plan on leaving church at 10:30am on the Salem bus, and order off the menu. The destination is to be determined and will be posted on the sign-up in the Welcome Center.

Adult Fellowship on Saturday, August 10 at 7pm

Plan to gather with you Salem friends through Adult Fellowship on **August 10 at 7pm** at Cyd's in the Park & Northmoor Observatory. Please plan to meet at Cyd's in the Park (5805 N Knoxville Ave, Peoria, IL 61614), and then the group will walk over to Northmoor Observatory.

Summer Women's Bible Study

The summer Women's Bible Study concludes on **Wednesday, August 14**. The morning edition meeting at 9am for coffee and Bible study starting at 9:30am, and the evening edition will meet at 6:30pm-8pm. Pastor Craig will be leading the morning study and Leah Grebner will be leading the evening study.

Calling All Women!!

The Women of Salem Lutheran Church Sunday is coming on **September 29, 2019**.

We are seeking volunteers to serve as ushers or acolytes or lector or greeters or assist in serving communion during 1st or 2nd service that day.

Please contact Sue Colloton at 309-635-8262 or Mary Gibson at 309-657-9078 with your interest.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL "TO MARS & BEYOND"

Salem's 2019 Vacation Bible School is Monday, July 29 - Friday, August 2 from 9AM - noon everyday. There will be special Vacation Bible School meetings:



JULY 28 after worship:

Volunteer Orientation Meeting

JULY 28, 7pm-8:30pm:

Student Orientation Meeting



VBS Outreach Project

Our VBS offering this year will go toward school and household supplies for our partners in ministry on the South Side of Peoria. VBS participants will be encouraged to bring a daily offering toward this project or in-kind donations of supplies from the list below during VBS week. The Salem Family may contribute to this project, too! Salem Lutheran Church will continue collecting throughout the month of August and will deliver many of the supplies as part of our God's Work. Our Hands. project on September 8.

Book bags	10 Count large size Crayons
3-pronged pocket folders	Loose leaf paper
2 pocket folders	Facial tissues
3-ring binders (1 inch)	Toilet paper
Compass	Paper towels
Protractor	Hand sanitizer
Glue sticks	Hand soap
Ink pens	Lysol wipes
Pencils	Dish soap
Children's scissors	Laundry soap

HANDS & HEARTS NEEDED FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY NIGHT, WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 5pm-7pm

Salem will host its annual VBS Community Night on **Wednesday evening July 31 from 5pm-7pm**. Many hands and hearts are needed to welcome and serve over 150 guests. Please contact Kris Griffith at griffdk@comcast.net or call the church office (688-9212) if you can bring food or be here in person to help set up, serve or clean up or if you are able to come and greet our guests with a warm Salem welcome.

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Backpack Blessing and Blessing of the Keys

Join us in celebration of our Back-to-School Milestones in worship on **Sunday, August 18, 2019**. All students and teachers will be invited to come forward with their backpacks for a Backpack Blessing during the children's message. New this year, all student drivers (and soon-to-be drivers) will also be invited forward for a Blessing of the Keys. Let's celebrate Christ's presence in the lives of all our students and teachers as we kick off another great school year!



Do you remember your twenties? New jobs, advanced degrees, relationships, exciting travels, etc.? This monthly column will help us stay connected with Salem's 20-30 year olds and some of their adventures, accomplishments, and plans. Twenty-somethings (or their parents) are encouraged to submit a paragraph or two about what you are up to these days to Meghan Peterson,

Director of Communications: mpeterson@salemofpeoria.com. Articles are due by the 6th each month. Be sure to include a picture and any prayer requests if you wish.

This month, we hear from Kylee Lambie:

KYLEE LAMBIE



Kylee Lambie graduated from the University of Mississippi with a Bachelor of Accountancy degree in May 2019. Kylee was a member of the Alpha Omicron Pi sorority and served as treasurer in 2018/2019. Kylee was accepted into the Masters of Accountancy program at the University of Mississippi in March of 2019 and she is attending graduate courses this summer. She started in May with a two-week course in London and is now back in Mississippi for a month of course work.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
4 9am: Worship 10:15am: Baby Shower for Stephanie Dammann 6:30pm: Worship 7:15pm: Youth Group	5 9am: TOPS Meeting	6 September Monthly Bugle Content Due 10am: Staff Meeting 7pm: Council Meeting	7 8:30am: Summer School for Adults
11 Fair Trade 9am: Worship 10:15am: Welcome Reception for Intern Kristen Schmid 5:30pm: Dinner 6:30pm: Worship	12 9am: TOPS Meeting 6:30pm: Congregational Care Meeting	13 10am: Staff Meeting 7pm: Outreach Meeting 7:30pm: Faith Formation Meeting	14 8:30am: Summer School for Adults 9:30am: Women's Bible Study 6:30pm: Women's Bible Study
18 Home Communion Backpack Blessing and Blessing of the Keys 9am: Worship 10:30am: Senior Sunday Lunch Bunch 6:30pm: Worship	19 9am: TOPS Meeting 11:30am: Women of Salem 7pm: Salem Churchmen at Lariat Club	20 10am: Staff Meeting 7pm: Property & Finance Meeting	21 8:30am: Summer School for Adults
25 9am: Worship 10:15am: Church Picnic	26 9am: TOPS Meeting	27 10am: Staff Meeting 6:30pm: Lydia Circle	28 8:30am: Summer School for Adults 7pm: Salem Lutheran Parent Meeting

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 Evening worship at 6:30pm through August 18.
 A light dinner will be provided on August 11 at 5:30pm.

AUGUST 2019

Wed Thu Fri Sat			
	1 9am-noon: Vacation Bible School	2 9am-noon: Vacation Bible School	3
7 Summer Sunday Adults	8 9:30am: Bible Study	9 6pm: Brage Lodge	10 7pm: Adult Fellowship at Cyd's in the Park & Northmoor Observatory
14 Summer Sunday Adults Women's Bible Study Women's Bible Study	15 6:45am: Endowment 9:30am: Bible Study	16	17
21 Summer Sunday Adults	22 9:30am: Bible Study 1:30pm: LHV Service	23	24
28 Summer Sunday Adults Lutheran PreK Baptizing	29 9:30am: Bible Study	30	31



God's work. Our hands.

Several areas in Peoria (particularly on the South side) will be the focus for this year's God's Work – Our

Hands event. Plans are still coming together but one area that needs some attention will be painting at Common Place on South Shelly Street. This ministry functions out of a church building that was originally built in 1917. As one might imagine, the building has many needs. One of which, is giving a fresh coat of paint to various hallways and rooms. Many hands will be needed to for time the afternoon of **Sunday, September 8.** *Could you spare some time to lend a hand?* More details about this and other projects will be highlighted in the September Bugle. **For now, mark the date for this year's GOWH Sunday! September 8.**

FROM THE PARISH NURSE, LORI REIMER, RN

In addition to new school supplies and clothes for back-to-school, the American Academy of Ophthalmology reminds parents not to neglect one of the most important learning tools: their children's eyes. The earlier problems are identified; the sooner they can be addressed. For healthy eyes and vision throughout the school year, the Academy recommends the following four tips: Get regular childhood vision screenings – Children's eyes change rapidly, making regular vision screenings an important step in detecting and correcting eye problems early. The Academy recommends screening for infants then preschool age (about 3), when entering school, and if experiencing a potential vision problem. For school-age children, a vision screening can be performed by a pediatrician, family physician, nurse or trained technician during regular checkups. If the screening detects a problem, the child may need to see an ophthalmologist or other eye care professional.

Know and share your family eye health history – Everyone should find out whether eye conditions or diseases run in their family. Parents should share that information with the person performing the screening when possible. Examples of common eye conditions include nearsightedness, crossed eye, known as strabismus, and lazy eye, known as amblyopia. If these are not treated in childhood, they can cause permanent vision loss in one eye.

Watch for signals of eye problems – Parents should be alert to symptoms that could indicate an eye or vision problem, such as complaints of eyestrain, headaches and squinting when reading or performing other common activities. Other symptoms to look for include a white or grayish-white coloring in the pupil, one eye that turns in or out, or eyes that do not track in sync together.

Wear protective eyewear when playing sports – Eye injuries while playing sports can cause serious damage, whether by getting smacked with an elbow during basketball or hit with sporting equipment. Consider having your child wear goggles or other certified protective eyewear.

For more information, stop by the Welcome Center in the Gallery or the Parish Nurse office.



Lori Reimer, RN

Capital Appeal Benevolence

In the fall of 2018, Salem began the capital appeal process to raise funds for building renovations. In an effort to give thanks for Capital Appeal contributions, at the October 2018 meeting the Salem Council approved the Capital Appeal Team's recommendation to share 1% of the gifts received during the three years of the Capital Appeal. These funds will be given in support of local benevolence opportunities, administered by Salem's Outreach Committee and involving Salem's facility and members. It is not only a blessing to receive generosity, but also to share. This decision was then shared openly through the Bugle as well as the Capital Appeal Response packet.

In 2018, approximately \$500,000 was donated to the capital appeal fund allowing for a donation of \$5000 to be made to local community outreach in 2019. The Salem Outreach Ministry Team selected Crittenton Centers as a recipient, and thanks to the help of Salem member, Cindy Fischer, the Outreach Team was able to connect these funds with a specific need at Crittenton. Each month, Crittenton Centers serves nearly 4,000 meals and snacks to children in their care through the Crisis Nursery and Child Development Center programs. Crittenton had struggled to be able to serve a warm breakfast and lunch due to their oven limitations. Crittenton Centers needed \$4,965 to help upgrade their range to a 36" commercial range. This allows them an additional 5.5" of oven space and an additional rack for cooking to help meet the needs of those that they serve. On June 25, Salem presented a check for \$5000 to Crittenton Centers to meet this need.

Thank you to all who have donated to the capital appeal project! Your donations are making a difference for the future of Salem and for the benefit of our neighbors. We look forward to your continued support for the capital appeal project and for future opportunities for Salem to be a blessing in the community.



Kristen Schmid

Welcome Reception for Intern Kristen Schmid

Kristen Schmid will begin her internship at Salem Lutheran Church on Monday, July 29. Salem is excited to welcome her to our church community and is planning a Welcome Reception after the 9am worship service on Sunday, August 11.

A gas card shower will be received for Kristen as she will be commuting from Springfield, Illinois.

Salem will become a teaching opportunity for Kristen as her journey in the Candidacy process continues. Kristen will take part in all aspects of pastoral ministry and will make an effort of learning with and from all of us as a path toward ordination and full-time rostered leadership in Christ's church.

Please pray for Kristen, members of the internship committee, staff members as well as for Pastor Craig as together we make this a positive experience for Kristen as well as for the Salem community.

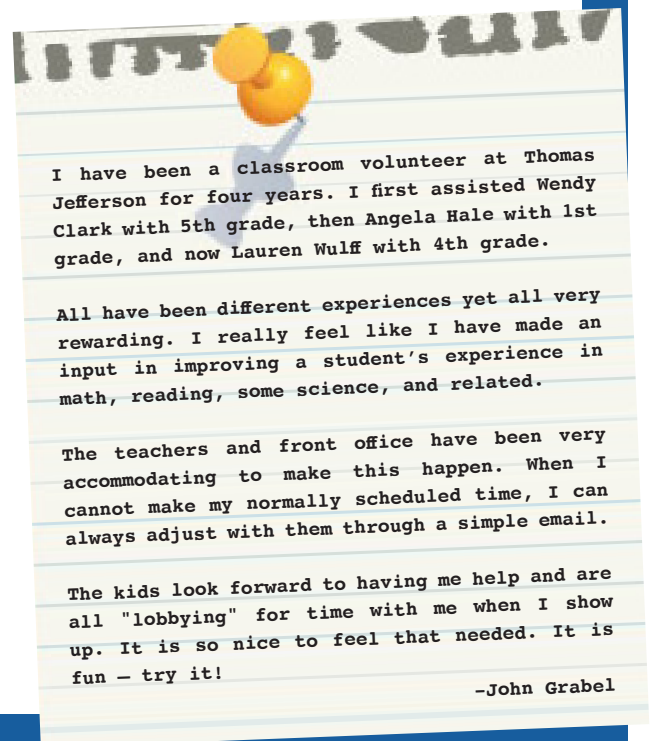


Thomas Jefferson Primary School Volunteer Opportunities

Salem's Outreach Ministry Team is beginning to plan for another year of working together with Thomas Jefferson Primary School. Our adopt-a-school partnership with Thomas Jefferson began over 20 years ago, and each year we look at new ways and continuing ways in which we can be of service to our neighborhood school by supporting the teachers and helping the students. We are beginning the school year with plans for the classroom volunteer program. This program has been ongoing for several years, and last year there were 14 Salem classroom volunteers. Most of the volunteers are returning this school year, however there is a need for a few new volunteers.

In the past most volunteers have committed to a schedule of one (or more) hours each week, but teachers understand that there will be times during the year when a volunteer cannot be at school. The teachers sign up the first week of school to request a volunteer. Teachers and Salem volunteers are then paired, and each is given the other's contact information. Together they decide on the day of the week and time of day that works best for the two of them.

If you are interested in being part of this program that benefits children and helps teachers at Thomas Jefferson, please sign up at the Welcome Center. If you have a grade preference (K-4), you can indicate that preference on the sign-up sheet. Volunteers from last year need not sign up on this sheet as you will be contacted individually. All volunteers (new and returning) are required to complete a security clearance form which will be available after mid-August. For more information contact Susan Ross at srross101@comcast.net or (309) 360-2059.



Fair Trade

Many thanks to all of you who have supported our Fair Trade Sales! Have you seen our brand new rolling cart yet? Thank you to Pastor Craig and Karen Swenson for the idea and for providing us with the new cart. We hope our products will be easier to see and we are always willing to help you find what you need.

We are happy to announce that in addition to your favorites, we are now carrying the following coffees:

- Congo Whole Bean – from the Democratic Republic of Congo; we will feature more information about this cooperative at our booth.
- Café Salvador – from El Salvador, Las Colinas cooperative
- Ethiopian – from state of Sidamo in Ethiopia

Salem's Fair Trade also features coffee in recyclable K-Cups, teas, cocoa, olive oil, nuts, and a new dried mango fruit, plus everyone's favorite chocolate bars! We will continue to have Fair Trade Sunday on the first Sunday of the month. Please contact the Fair Trade team if you have questions (Jennifer Gallas, Karen Swenson, Jane Topel). Thank you for helping this ministry to support small farmers and make a difference all over the world.

Crittenton Community Garden Open House

Salem has led the community garden program since 2009. Dean Doughty, Bill Ligon, Roberta Kessinger, and many great volunteers from Salem, Bethel and Crittenton lead this great program. Being part of the garden team is a blessing; the purpose is to emphasize the vital importance of fresh vegetables in our diet to the Crittenton families.

Open House, Wednesday, August 7 from 5pm to 7pm. Food is provided, come and see our garden, ALL OUR INVITED.



Clothing Malawi's Impoverished Children

Last year Salem collected yarn for the Malawi women to make sweaters for the needy children. There are four months, May – August, when it is much colder. The children do not have enough clothing.

This year we are once again collecting yarn but are also collecting items of clothing. Girls below the knee dresses and shorts, shirts and T-shirts are very much needed for both boys and girls. The needs are great; over 100 children have been specifically identified by Luke and Jamie.

Sue McGrew and Sharon Mollenhaur are once again leading the effort. Anyone wishing to join this effort should contact Sue or Sharon. Our goal is to have our collection complete by late September.





AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



August 3

Paul Bahnfleth
Cloyd Conard
Candence Forkell
Patty Lantz

August 6

Nancy Owen

August 8

Patricia Arehart
Rebecca Sipf

August 9

Nicholas Doty
Quinn Salverson

August 12

Jan Taylor

August 14

Justin Gabel

Beverly Holmes

August 15

Riley Neltner

August 16

Heather MacIver-Arnold
Jon Ripper

August 17

Jill Sidell

August 18

Brandon Lott
Nona Mitchelar

August 19

Dylan Schroeder

August 21

Evelyn Aprahamian

August 22

Jason Breidel

August 25

Frances Riley*
JQ Scoville
Leo Vandervlugt

August 27

Joy Anderson
Amy Schroeder

August 28

Dennis Krus
Ellen Mangan

August 30

Levi Salverson

August 31

Donald Graves
Dylan Rastatter

*Fran Riley is 100 on August 25.

FRAN RILEY TURNS 100!

Dear Salem Lutheran Church,

God's Blessings have bestowed on Frances Riley an upcoming 100th birthday on **Sunday, August 25th!** Her family is asking for your heartfelt wishes and prayers with a card party.

Mrs. Fran Riley
500 Centennial Dr.
Apt. 216
East Peoria, IL 61611
309-694-3007

Although Fran is spending her birthday with family, she would enjoy visits at another time. As a lifelong Swedish Lutheran, she also wouldn't say no to coffee and sweet rolls either if you stop by!

Thank you for your prayers on her continued good health and happiness.

In Christ's Love,
Fran's family

P.S. There will also be a card collection available in the Welcome Center for Fran's birthday cards. Let's try to get 100 cards to celebrate Fran's very special birthday.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for your support for the children in our care. We are so grateful for all you do for Crittenton Centers. Thank you for your donations for the Fill the Crib Campaign.

-Gratefully, Jeff A. Gress, President and CEO

Thank you for your generous gift of \$1,52.46 to Evangelical Lutheran Church in America ministries through ELCA Good Gifts. Your Good Gift is a very good gift in deed!

-In God's abundant grace, Christina Jackson-Skelton, Executive Director, Mission Advancement

"Thinking of You Sunday"

Every year, the Salem congregation sends bags of cards to homebound members on Valentine's Day and during the Christmas season. Since it is a long time until the holiday season, "Thinking of You Sunday" is a chance for the Salem family to recognize and send well wishes to the homebound members of the congregation during the fall. You may place notes in the "Thinking of You" bags that say you are thinking about them. The last Sunday to put notes in the bags will be Sunday, August 18. Then they will be delivered in the afternoon.



Our homebound members are: Walt Anderson, Natalee Arff, Susan Barham, Betty and Matthew Bennett, Carl and Helen Buerger, Jr., Ruby Chelgren, Marge Gramm, Vi Gruber, Bev Holmes, Shirley Hornecker, John Johnson, Bea Kent, Ruth Landes, Carl Lindquist, Bill Mettam, Nancy Owens, Kay Peterson, John and Marge Ryberg, Arlene Schroeder, Irene Sawatzky, and Frank Yancick.

Volunteers are needed to deliver the "Thinking of You" bags. A sign-up sheet is located in the Welcome Center. Please contact Joan Creager at 231-7724 with any questions.

Month of June, 2019

General Fund	Budget	Actual	Difference
June Giving	\$49,458	\$36,257	(\$12,802)
Expenses	\$50,370	\$38,756	\$11,614
Difference (Loss)	(\$911)	(\$2,499)	

Year-to-Date, 2019

General Fund	Budget	Actual	Difference
Giving	\$308,950	\$283,077	(\$25,873)
Expenses	\$302,219	\$288,331	\$13,988
Difference (Loss)	\$6,731	(\$5,254)	

Summer Giving

If you plan to be away for a few weeks this summer, please help with regular giving. Thank you for your faithfulness.

Prayer Requests

- The men and women of our armed forces
- Support for all caregivers when loved ones suffer
- Ulrich Family
- Children of Guatemala
- Families at Crittenton Center
- Midwest Food Bank
- Wally Bastian and his family
- Luan Borquist
- Stephanie Dammann's grandfather
- Keith Erickson
- Evie (kidney dialysis)

- Friend of Cindy Fischer
- Charlotte Gallas
- Gabe
- Roz Gott
- Marge Gramm
- Jack Grant
- Judy (Cindy Fischer's sister-in-law)
- Leah Grebner's mother
- Linda Hernandez' granddaughter
- Ron Hipple
- Amy Hoffman
- Helen Johnson
- Lizzy
- Bill Mettam

- Ella Vandervlugt
- Wayne (brother of Barbi Ricketts)
- Jean and Frank Yancick

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY...

Stateside: Ian Borquist, Jason Sterr, Col. Darnell Salley, Scott Wolfmeyer

Overseas:
Barry Joyce
Talon Maki



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