

ST. BARTHOLOMEW NEWSLETTER MAY 2018



"To God be the Glory!"(1 Peter 4:11)

GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF OUR RISEN LORD AND SAVIOR, JESUS!

Spring is always a wonderful time of the year, unless of course you're still waiting for 18" of snow to melt away. In the spring, we see plants that were dormant come alive. The days get longer and brighter. We see the beauty of the flowers and the blossoms on the trees. Life is alive and energized.

Spring time, for those with a yard, prompts us to go to our garages or storage sheds to find tools for planting and watering. A watering can is useful to use for watering plants and flowers. I mention a watering can because it provides a meaningful discipleship illustration, when we think, "How are we like watering cans?"

A watering can is filled by the gardener. He may even add some plant food and maybe something to stop the growth of weeds. That water remains in the can until the gardener uses it, pours it out, to nourish his plants.

As Christians we can be compared to a watering can. God is like the gardener who fills us with life-giving water, His Holy Gospel. He fills us with gifts that can be used to nourish the Body of Christ, gifts to combat the work of Satan, gifts that enable the spread of the Gospel and equip us for service.

What a privilege it is to be used by God! How grateful we can be for the talents, the opportunities, and the financial resources God provides us for His glory and the good of His people!

Maybe you remember the children's nursery rhyme, "I'm a little teapot short and stout. Here is my handle. Here is my spout. Tip me over and pour me out."



We are God's watering cans which He fills every time we come to worship, every time we receive the Lord's Supper, and every time we read the Bible. May we be tipped over to pour out the many gifts with which we are blessed through Christ that the seed of God's Word may flourish.

May God bless your physical labor as you plant your gardens and tend your flowers. But more importantly, may God bless the growth of His spiritual garden through you.

Together in Christ,

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY

March 2018

Year-to-date Income: \$43,412.36 Year-to-date Expenses: \$42,115.01 Year-to-date Budget: \$40,764.00

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SPECIAL FUNDS CONTRIBUTORS

Landscaping Fund

Ron & Sue Detert

Chancel Light Fund Jim & Florence Behnke

Debt Retirement Fund

Carl Zutz in memory of Margaret Zutz Janet Kalies in memory of Robert Riemer

Wedding

Amanda Krahn & Zach Zoellner

4/21/18

Baptism

Micah Horn

4/22/18

KINGDOM WORKERS - MAY

The following members are listed as Kingdom workers for February in the following areas:

Ushers (Wednesdays): Ron Detert, Bill Schmidt

(Sundays):

Matt Juno

Altar Guild: Janet Kalies, Sue Graf, Kris Krueger

Acolytes: May 6 - Bailee (light Paschal candle)

13 - Hilary (light Paschal candle)

20 - Ashley 27 - Spencer

ST. BARTHOLOMEW MISSION STATEMENT

Sharing the Good News of salvation with others (Matt. 28:19)

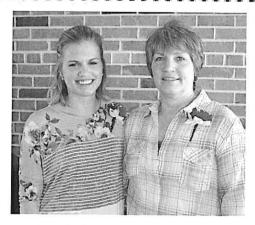
Believing in Jesus as our Savior (John 3:16)

Living our faith in what we say and do (James 2:18)

Caring for those in need (1 Peter 3:15; Mark 10:45; Eph. 4:28; 1 John 3:17)

SHARING, BELIEVING LIVING AND CARING

WELCOME new members



Danielle & Shelly Jost 4/22/18



Duane & Karen Loose 4/22/18



Micah Nathan Horn 4/22/18

POLKA SERVICE

Sunday, June 10 9 a.m.

The Don Peachey Band, from Burnett, WI, will be with us on Sunday, June 10 to provide the music for our worship service. The band will add a little bit different tempo to our music that morning. Be sure to invite your family and friends.

The band will also provide a couple hours of music after the service so don't forget your dancing shoes. Other plans at this time are a brat fry and a "bouncy house" for the kids.

So mark your calendar and plan on being in worship and joining in on the fun!

A man feared his wife wasn't hearing as well as she used to, and he thought she might need a hearing aid. Not quite sure how to approach her, he called the family doctor to discuss the problem.

The doctor told him there was a simple informal test the husband could perform to give the doctor a better idea about her hearing loss. "Here's what you do," said the doctor, "stand about 40 feet away from her, and in a normal conversational speaking tone, see if she hears you. If not, go to 30 feet, then 20 feet, and so on until you get a response."

That evening his wife was in the kitchen cooking dinner. He said to himself, "I'm about 40 feet away, let's see what happens." Then in a normal tone he asked, "Honey, what's for dinner?" No response. So the husband moved closer to the kitchen, about 30 feet from his wife and repeated, "Honey what's for dinner?" Still no response. Next he moved into the dining room, where he was about 20 feet from his wife and asked, "Honey, what's for dinner?" Again no response.

So he walked up to the kitchen door, about 10 feet away: "Honey, what's for dinner?" Again there was no response. So he walked right up behind her: "Honey, what's for dinner?"

"FRED, FOR THE FIFTH TIME, CHICKEN!" she shouted.

-via Walked J. Batts Texas Township, MI

April 9, 2018

Dear Reverend Krueger,

Thank you and your congregation so much for your partnership in the Military BibleStick campaign, and your donation of \$1,300.00 to provide Scripture to our troops and veterans.

April has been named Month of the Military Child by the Department of Defense. It is a special time to honor the sacrifices made by military families—especially the young children. There can be no better way to bless military children than to give their active-duty parent(s) access to the Bible in a format that they can use no matter where they are. As these service-members engage with God's Word and allow Him to touch their hearts, they will be equipped to become better parents and lead their children in the way of Christ.

Your generosity has the potential to impact many generations, and the full effect will not be known until heaven. Again, thank you!

'til all have heard,

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Troy Carl Vice President

LIFE QUOTE

From Lutherans For Life



"When a group of Sunday School children were asked to write letters to God, little Nan wrote, 'Dear God, I bet it is very hard for You to love all of everybody in the whole world.

There are only 4 people in our family and I can never do it.' Perhaps we can all identify a bit with Nan! But God can do it! God does love 'all of everybody in the whole world!' God loves life. God loves life because He created life ad He redeemed life. He has no other criteria, no other standards, no list of mental or physical qualities that you must live up to be worthy of His love."

SOMETHING TO PONDER ...

The Parable of the Rice Field

There is a parable told in India about the selfish man who inherited a rice field. The first year the man irrigated the field and it was fruitful. The water, in fact, flowed onto his neighbor's field and this too produced a bountiful harvest.

But the next year the selfish man decided: Why should I let this water flow through my field into his? Water is precious and I must keep it. So he built a dam. This prevented the water from flowing into his neighbor's field but it proved disastrous to his own crop as well. Irrigation water nourished the field only if it flowed. When it did not move because of the dam, the water became stagnant and the field a swamp.

We own no rice fields. Still the parable is clear. Think of what we have inherited from God; think of all He has given us. If we are selfish and keep it all for ourselves, our lives become stagnant, a dismal swamp of mere existence. But if we give back to God by giving to others, both the giver and the receiver share in the fruits of God's love.

CHURCH FLOAT COMMITTEE

Looking for people interested in planning and building a float for the Brillion Fest Night Parade. Walkers will also be needed. Church has a variety of items to hand out at the parade. We are looking to get more people involved in church outreach. Are you interested in helping out? Sharing your faith with others? Let's show the Brillion community that our church cares, not only for our church family, but the people of our community!

If interested contact, Lon or Lori Fels or Mike or Terri Delvaux as soon as possible.

THANK YOU ...

Thank you to the Kittels, the Popes, and the Bonicks for hosting the students from Concordia University Wisconsin and the Kruegers for providing a meal for them on Saturday night.

HELP WANTED

Lights, camera, action! No, no, no!

Lights, bells, recording!

The Elders are looking for some help during some of our worship services to take care of the lights, ring the bell, and record the service. If you are in high school or older, you are eligible for this all important position.

For now, the Elders are looking for help for the 2nd Sunday of the month and the previous Wednesday.

If you are willing to help, sign up on the bulletin board for the date you will help or contact one of the Elders.

No references required!

CHURCH VACANCY UPDATE -

Pastor Krueger is continuing to serve a church vacancy but the church is changing.

As of May 1, Pastor Krueger will be serving the vacancy at St. Martin, Chilton and Pastor Brassfield will take over the vacancy at St. Peter, Hilbert.



Living Generously

The purpose of this newsletter is to share God's Word so that our members will better understand who we are to be and what we are to do in the light of the Scriptures. It is our hope that this monthly publication will help you grow in your relationship with the Lord and as a Christian steward.



God Will Supply

We go to work based on the promise of a wage for our labor. We enter into marriage covenants promising to be faithful to our spouses for life. We get on planes, trusting the pilots are well trained and the aircraft safe so we can get to our destinations. We drive our cars on the right side of the road (in the US, anyway!), confident that oncoming traffic will stay in their proper lanes.

If we put so much faith in fallible humans who are prone to error and misjudgment, how much more can we live as stewards who give first to God, trusting Him to supply all our needs! "Praise be to the Lord," prayed Solomon. "Not one word has failed of all the good promises He gave through His servant Moses" (1 Kings 8:56).

God's stewards throughout history have praised God for His faithfulness: Elijah, fed by ravens beside the brook (1 Kings 17:2-4); Daniel in the lion's den (Daniel 6); Paul preaching the Word of God even while imprisoned (Acts 28:17-31).

How about the Macedonians who gave generously even out of their poverty to share with others they felt were even more needy (2 Corinthians 8)? All these attest to the faithfulness of God. Surely God has blessed us, too, so that we can bless others with our gifts. David, the psalmist, wrote from experience: "I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread. They are always generous and lend freely; their children will be blessed" (Psalm 37:25-26).



Resisting the Lure of Gambling Gambling can devastate our lives. Those who can least afford it are often

the ones who spend the greatest portion of their income on gambling. When the gambler is addicted, God, family, and others lose importance.

There is no 11th commandment that says, "Thou shalt not gamble." There are, however, several Biblical precepts that gambling violates. The Bible warns us of the dangers of greed (Luke 12:15), selfishness and the desire to get rich quick (1 Timothy 6:9-10). Gambling encourages greed, materialism, and "getrich-quick" thinking (Proverbs 28:20).

Scripture also tells us that all good gifts come from above (James 1:17) and that we are to be good stewards of those gifts (1 Corinthians 4:2). Gambling encourages a reckless investment of our God-given resources (Matthew 25:14-30). Gambling says, "I don't appreciate what God has provided. I deserve and want more." God tells us not to amass more wealth but to manage well what He has given us (Matthew 6:19-20).



May God help us all understand the risk of becoming addicted to gambling. May He give us strength to stay away from any activity that takes our trust away from Jesus.

Overcoming Selfishness

By nature, we are selfish people. At an early age, we voice our selfishness with the word "Mine!" Unfortunately, this selfish attitude often carries forward into our adult years. Many people live with the attitude, "What is mine is mine, and I'm going to keep it." Because of our selfishness, we look at life in terms of our money, our things, and our achievements. We focus on ourselves and give little thought to those around us.

A selfish attitude is obviously not conducive to giving. Believing that we need and deserve all we have, we have little interest in giving generously. Because of our sinful, self-oriented natures, we fail to exercise generosity in our daily lives. The Bible depicts our fallen condition: "...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). Likewise, Isaiah 53:6 says, "We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way..." We tend to want to do and accumulate things only for ourselves, and our society does little to redirect our The media rarely applauds focus. selfless acts of giving. Instead. admiration is saved for men and women who have attained power, prestige, and material wealth.

When God changes our hearts, though, our selfishness is no longer an obstacle to our giving. With hearts right with God, we acknowledge God as the owner of all things and trust in Jesus rather than our money for our security and salvation. By the working of the Holy Spirit, through His Word, God can remove our selfishness.

Blessings as you Live Generously!



Concordia University Wisconsin Summer Soccer Academy

June 10-12 – Middle School – Ages 12-14 June 14-16 – Elementary School – Ages 9-11 June 17-19 – Elementary School – Ages 9-11 June 21-23 – Middle School – Ages 12-14 June 24-26 – High School – Ages 14-17 June 28-30 – High School – Ages 14-17

For more information go to our camp website: www.cuwsa.com

Graduate Sunday

St. Bartholomew will honor our high school graduates at the May 20th service. If you and your son/daughter received a letter from the church office regarding Graduate Sunday, please contact us right away and let us know if your young adult will be attending as well as their plans for after high school. Thank you.



MOTHER'S DAY ROSE SALE

Mother's Day Rose sale will again take place on Sunday May 13th. Roses are \$2/ea. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you would like to purchase a rose for Right to Life. You can pick up the rose after service on Mother's Day. Proceeds go to Mother & Unborn Baby at Appleton, and the Pro-Life exhibit at the Calumet County Fair. Deadline to order is Sunday May 6th.



Happy Mother's Day!



Reminder that Sunday, May 20 will be Youth Sunday. This is also the last day of Sunday school. The youth will be ushering and greeting as well as participating in other aspects of the worship service. Band students will need their instruments and music for Youth Sunday. Parents, please have them at church by 7:30 am to practice.



WEAR RED FOR PENTECOST

We will celebrate Pentecost Wednesday, May 16 and Sunday,

May 20. The liturgical color of the day is red which is symbolic of the Holy Spirit. You are encouraged to wear red. Pentecost marks the day when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles. It occurs 50 days after Easter and comes 10 days after the ascension of Jesus Christ.



Everyone had a great time being involved in the bracket challenge with some friendly rivalry. Congratulations to Olivia Riemer who won the challenge! We look forward to next year's bracket challenge.



Dear St. Bartholomew Lutheran Church,

At Lutheran Counseling and Family Services of Wisconsin, we work year round to assist those struggling with mental health issues or

addictions. We also work diligently to bring families together through our century-old

adoptions program. Our mission and vision is to provide quality counseling services and

assistance to all who seek care, regardless of faith, culture, religious belief or financial situation.

Thank you for helping us to make our mission a reality. Through your generous donation of \$700.00 on 3/20/18, you have allowed us to

positively affect countless individuals and

families, making our communities healthier and stronger. Your gift reaffirms our belief that those who find themselves in times of crisis or struggle deserve to be given an opportunity to improve their lives and their situation.

Your support fills us with gratitude and reenergizes our mission each and every day.

Thank you again,

Deb Rayburn, MS, LPC, CSAC, CSIT Chief Executive Officer

Lear pastor mark

I would like to Thank you for allowing The Gideon's To be part of your worship service. Also Thanks to The Congregation for Their Contabut For all you do in Jesus' name...

May you be blessed today,

in every way.

OF \$122.00 This enables us to purchasi
25 Hotel bibles, or 53 Large print
Hosipital Testaments, or 87 Small
New Testaments. These will be
distributed at vital Crossroads of life
and we pray that many will be helped
\$100 Come to know chast Through
the Scriptures.

Pastore mark I Thank you again For The privilege OF representing Gideon's 2-25-18.

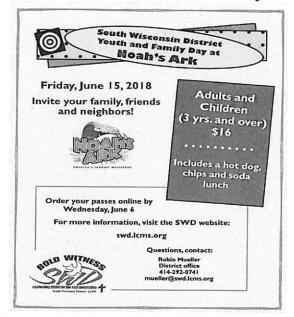
The Lord bless thee, and keep thee:

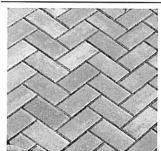
The Lord make his face shine upon thee.

and be gracious unto thee: The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

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SINCERELY IN Christ
RON Thempson

Noah's Ark Youth & Family Day





PAVERS

The cost of a paver is \$35/each. If you would like to place a paver in our Memorial Garden, pick up a form in the

church office or literature rack. You can purchase a paver in memory of or in honor of someone or some event. We only place one order during the year so be sure to order now. Deadline for 2018 orders is June 1st.



If you would like to have a prayer sent on the Prayer Chain, please contact any one of the Prayer Chain members:

Judy Baer	756-2696
Renee Bonick	(920) 296-9164
Sue Detert	756-3439
Ralph & Sandy Haberland	(920) 524-2016
Kris Krueger	756-3912
Jean Peter	(920) 875-0164
Faith Sonnabend	756-2779
Joan Zutz	756-2501

All requests will remain strictly confidential!

St. Bartholomew Lutheran Church

Voters Meeting

April 22, 2018 - 8:00 A.M.

President, Robert Behnke, called meeting to order.

Opening Prayer by Pastor Mark Krueger

Minutes from the last meeting were approved – Debbie Kamps made the motion to approve and Tim Pope 2nd - Motion Carried.

Membership Gains and Losses: By Elder - Rick Riemer

Gains: Brandan Bowe - by Adult Confirmation

Gerald Kamke - by Profession of Faith

Danielle Jost - by Transfer from St. Peter Lutheran - Hilbert, WI

Michelle (Shelly) Jost - by Transfer from St. Peter Lutheran - Hilbert, WI

Duane Loose - by Profession of Faith

Karen Loose - by Profession of Faith

Losses: Robert Reamer by Transfer to the Church Triumphant

Treasures Report - by Treasurer Debbie Kamps.

End of March we were \$25,141.82 in the black.

Dedicated Funds are doing well – We hope that not having church one Sunday will not see a decline in giving. Remember that we still have bills to pay each month.

Discussion: We do have a loan out – that loan was the Organ Repair and the Parking Lot repaving. So we still have obligations that need to be paid each month. – Filed for Audit.

Elders Report - by Rick Riemer -

Sunday, April 8th Heaven 2Go was here for service.

Don Peachy Band – Sunday, June 10^{th} – will be here for our church service – they will also be playing after in the fellowship hall – other items are also being planned that day for fellowship.

Elders are working on a plan for church cancellation. President, Robert Behnke and Elder, Rick Riemer were in communication and were monitoring the weather, to determine when church would be cancelled. They were watching what other area churches were doing to make that call. E-mail's were sent out and the TV station was informed. New policy is being discussed so that more people know what to do and how to get people informed. This policy will be reviewed by the Elders and Church Council. The Elder group has been discussing having former Elders to assist with some church services. This would be about 1 time per month and it would be a non -Communion Sunday, until we have all positions filled for the Elder Board.

Christian Education - No one present - no report

Stewardship/Evangelism - by Loriann Fels

We are still looking for people to Volunteers to be part of the Parade Committee. They would plan the float and also get people to walk the parade – we have things to hand out just need people to get the float idea going and working on it. We would need to have this group in place the beginning of May in order to apply for Thrivent Funds. If interested contact the church office or myself.

Work nights at the Dairy Queen we will be doing this again in Fall - thinking maybe trying another night in early Winter – Seems like a great community outreach and it also gets our own people to work together.

Trustees - by David Kamps

Carpet Cleaning was done - before Easter.

Curb along Parking Lot - will need some work to fill in the low area as the snow melts.

Pastor's Report - by Pastor Krueger

The last voters meeting on Jan. 28th we had 364 Souls - 310 Communicants

As of today we are at: 370 Souls - 315 Communicants

Military Bible Sticks - Goal for our church was 25 – Total was 52 – Thank You

Hilbert had a Goal of 12 they a Total of 43 - Great giving of both churches.

Rose Sale - Sign up on the Bulletin Board - Profits got to "Right To Life".

Mark your calendars: Jan. 26^{th} , 2019 there will be a conference: "Passionate Believers" members are encouraged to take part – people that have gone in the past have really enjoyed it.

District Conference: June 10-12th Brigette Sonnabend – has volunteered to be our Lay Delegate. Motion was made to Except Bridget as our delegate was made by Harlen Krahn and 2^{nd} by Pete Kittel = Approved - MC

Update on the Vacancy that Pastor is helping with: He will continue at Hilbert until May 1st. - Pastor Brassfield will fill in as a duel Parish Pastor of St. Lukes and St. Peter, Hilbert. As of May, Pastor Krueger will assist with the Vacancy of St. Martin in Chilton. His plan is to start church there at 10:30 AM. To make this happen – he will disrobe while the last song is being sung. He will make announcement and welcome people and then leave for St. Martin.

Unfinished Business -

Church Constitution – last updates were made in 2007 - Robert Behnke and Pete Kittel are reviewing and hope to have this updated and ready for review by the Oct. voters Meeting. They need to go before two (2) Voters Meetings before it can be approved. Many of the items are non-current practices for today's world.

Land Southside of Fellowship Hall – update by Dave Kamps. – Committee was formed and they met and went over some proposed uses for the land – they then did a Pro's and Con's analysis. Here are the different items that they came up with for review:

PRO's - No Longer Maintain the Property.

CON's - No control of it's usage

2) We, as a church should Build on it -

PRO's - Possible Income for Church

CON's – Need a large amount of up front money – Still need to maintain – higher cost

3) Turn it Into A Garden

PRO's - Community Outreach

CON's – Soil is foundry soil – nothing will grow – Still need to improve the soil - Still need to maintain the Property – No water available for garden – might need to do something to get water to that area.

- 4) Wait until our next Minister to see if they want to use the Parsonage or find their own housing at which time we could reevaluate our best options.
- 5) Received a phone call asking if we had the property valued. This is something that has not been done. But could do if we needed to look further.

Committee members were: Dave Kamps, Myron Peter, Gary Koerth, Joel Koerth, Council lay person, Debbie Kamps.

Looking for what the Congregation would like to do? A Motion to let this topic rest until we need to look at – maybe after Pastor Retires was made by Gary Koerth, 2^{nd} by Harlen Krahn - Approved - MC

Board Vacancies - Board of Elders and Christian Education

Board of Elders is looking for help – maybe enlisting past members of this board to assist one time per month - Those assisting DO NOT need to read in front of church.

New Business -

Church Cancellation Policy – need to work on a policy so that next time we need to cancel church we have a method in place to do it.

Church Safety – Weather Events – Chief Mignon and Officer Bastian did a walk through of Church, Followship Hall and Sunday School area. They gave us some suggestions to think about to make church a safe place to be. Pastor also went to a conference – He also had information that we need to discuss as a board and determine the next steps to help everyone feel safe not matter what event is occurring.

No other business -

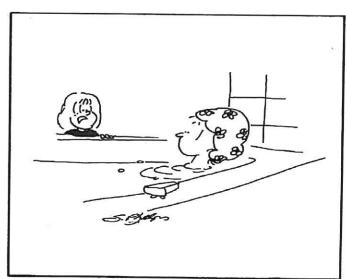
Peter Kittel made a motion to adjourn - Dave Kamps 2nd - approved - MC

Prayer by Pastor Mark Krueger.

Submitted by: Loriann Fels

MARCH SCRIP TOTALS

CARD NAME	TOTAL	PROFIT
Am. Eagle	25.00	2.50
Bakkheia	100	5.00
ВР	700	10.50
Buffalo Wild Wings	100	8.00
Cobblestone	50	2.50
Deer Run	100	10.00
Econo	1575	47.25
Exxon	150	7.50
Festival	350	10.50
Kohls	150	6.00
Kwik Trip	525	21.00
McDonalds	50	2.00
Old Navy	25	3.50
Roundy's	25	1.00
Shell	475	23.75
Shopko	50	2.50
Starbucks	50	3.50
Visa	100	1.25
WalMart	425	10.62
Woodmans	250	12.50
TOTALS	5275	191.37



"SORRY TO BOTHER YOU, MOM, BUT THE LADIES ARE HERE FOR BIBLE STUDY AND THE CAT THREW UP ON THE RUG."



Remember our fallen heros.
They are the reason
that we are free.



	1st	Benjamin Krahn	11th	Matt Denor
	1st	Nicholas Krahn	11th	Cheyanne Schleis
	1st	Gary Streck	14th	Carolyn Bladow
	4th	Allison Gade	14th	Kenny Curtis
	4th	Hunter Gade	14th	Zach Zoellner
	4th	Jerome Kremer	15th	Pyper Nenahlo
ı	4th	Lori Krueger	15th	Drake Propson
ı	4th	Elaine Zeamer	16th	Spencer Gilbertson
ı	5th	Tanner Behnke	17th	Mariana Vargas
	7th	Samantha Bonick	18th	Dana Irish
ı	7th	Norma Drumm	20th	Jim Wendling
I	7th	Jerry Kamke	21st	Joshua Krahn
	8th	Paula Kalies	24th	Jacob Wendling
	9th	Cassandra Bonick	25th	Linda Bretizman
I	9th	Steve Juno	28th	Sara Greil
	10th	Ben Michael	29th	Denise Scharbarth
I	10th	Philip Klepps	30th	Kay Koffarnus

Anniversaries

2nd	Gary & Linda Streck
5th	Brandan & Jennifer Bowe
8th	Jim & Florence Behnke
19th	Todd & Jody Lau
19th	Don & Judy Baer
25th	Matt & Jody Denor
25th	Pastor & Kris Krueger

