

ST. BARTHOLOMEW NEWSLETTER JUNE, JULY, AUGUST 2018



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

GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF JESUS, OUR SAVIOR!

Some of you will remember that during the Second World War there was a very famous poster picturing our good own Uncle Sam. He was pictured wearing a red, white, and blue top hat. It was a poster used by our government and by the military to recruit men and women to serve their country. The man in the poster had a serious and stern look pointing his finger and saying, "I Want You!" I want you to enter the service of your country. Even though this enlistment could mean death, hundreds of thousands of men and women volunteered for service.



We are told by the Apostle Paul in Romans 12:1 that God "Wants you!" "I appeal to you brothers, by the mercies of God to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." It may not sound as serious as laying down your life for your country, but it is! God is saying that He wants you to live and die for Him. He wants you to give your life for Him. God wants you completely. Everything that you are and have should belong to Him. God wants all of you.

In our daily routines, we tend not to take this notion of giving everything to God too seriously. However, God's Word clearly wants us to think more about how we can use our lives and our bodies in service to Him. The question to consider is, "Do we use our bodies in ways that honor God?" Let's consider our hands. Do we use them only to serve ourselves or do we use them in service to God. Do we use our eyes, ears, brains, mouths, etc. in service to God? God says every part of us is to be used as an act of worship. Everything we do can be an act of worship.

Do we think of the things that we do in our daily routines as being acts of service? We should consider that activities such as cooking meals, cutting the grass, changing diapers, going to school, or going to work can be acts of worship. We can also consider refusing to enter into gossip as an act of worship. When we reach out to help a neighbor, we should see that as an act of worship. God is seeking our total commitment.

In Romans 12:1, we are told, "by the mercies of God, to present our bodies as a living sacrifice." It is God's mercy and love that motivate us to offer our lives in commitment to Him. Because God loves, God enables us to give all that we are and have.

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy,

to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God
- this is true worship.

Romans 12:1

Together in Christ,

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY

April 2018

Year-to-date Income: \$43,142.14 Year-to-date Expenses: \$41,475.89 Year-to-date Budget: \$40,764.00

SPECIAL FUNDS CONTRIBUTORS

Debt Retirement Fund

Janet Kalies in memory of Mary Leonhard Pastor & Kris Krueger in memory of Nora McWilliams

Hearing Loop Fund

Rick & Terri Riemer in memory of Robert Riemer Pastor & Kris in memory of Mary Leonard

Chancel Lights

Pastor & Kris Krueger

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

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

SHARING, BELIEVING LIVING AND CARING



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!

KINGDOM WORKERS - JUNE

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

Ushers (Wednesdays): Pete Zarnoth, Gary Streck Jerry Urban, Russ Boldt (Sundays):

Altar Guild: Sue Juno, Sue Detert, Betty Zarnoth

Acolytes: June 3 - Amber 10- Rachel

17 - Bailee 24 - Hilary

KINGDOM WORKERS - JULY

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

Ushers (Wednesdays): (No one signed up) (Sundays): (No one signed up)

Altar Guild: Janet Kalies, Lori Fels

Acolytes: July 1 - Ashley

8 - Spencer

15 - Amber

22 - Rachel

29 - Bailee

KINGDOM WORKERS - AUGUST

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

Ushers (Wednesdays): (No one signed up) (Sundays): (No one signed up)

Altar Guild: Jean Peter, Carolyn Bladow

Acolytes: August 5 - Hilary

12 - Ashley

19 - Spencer

26 - Amber





Currently at St. Bartholomew there are several special funds:

These funds include: Debt/Retirement Fund

Landscaping

Concordia Scholarship Fund

Banners

Hearing Loop Fund

If you would like to contribute to any of the above funds, please place your contribution in an envelope and mark it with your name and envelope number as well as the name of the Fund you want it to go toward or you may use the specially marked envelopes in the literature rack.

ELDER GROUPS

(Baer—Hammond) Keith Poklinghorne 756-2370 (Horn—Olm) Rick Riemer 920) 841-7365 (Peter—Zutz) Deacon Bonick (920) 366-2766

A small-town police officer stopped a speeding motorist. "But officer," the man protested, "I can explain."

"Just be quiet," the officer snapped. "I'm going to let you cool your heels in jail until the police chief gets back."

"But officer," the man said, "I just wanted to say . . . "

"I said to keep quiet! You're going to jail," the officer said.

A few hours later, the officer looked in on his prisoner and said, "Lucky for you that the chief is at his daughter's wedding. He'll be in a good mood when he returns."

"Don't count on it," replied the man in the cell. "I'm the groom."

via George Goldtrap
 Ormond-by-the-Sea, FL

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!

EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE

We are looking for a couple people to put together an emergency action plan in case of inclement weather, fire, and security. If you are interested in helping out with this, contact Rick Riemer (920-841-7365) or Bob Behnke (756-3035).

PORTALS OF PRAYER



Copies of the
Portals of Prayer
devotional booklet are
made available free of
charge. To make sure

you receive the copy(ies) you want, please contact the church office and we will put the copy(ies) in your church mailbox when they arrive.

OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



Front row (l-r): Kortney Woldt, Savannah Day Back row (1-r): Kyle Krueger, Donimik Plate, Tanner Schlender, Ben Wilson

Future plans for our Graduates

Dominik - UW Oshkosh - Kinesiology Program -Athletic Trainer or Physical Therapist

Ben - Fox Valley Tech - Welding Savannah - Marian University - Social Work/Psychology

UW Oshkosh - Finance & Marketing Kyle -

UW Stevens Point - Business Kortney -

UW Stevens Point - Elementary Education Tanner -

ADULT INFORMATION CLASS

If anyone is interested in joining our congregation from a non-Lutheran background or is interested in learning the basics of our beliefs as Lutherans, contact Pastor Krueger (756-3031) so a class can be set up beginning in September.

MEDICINE CHEST

For the BLUES	Pood Pools 27
For an EMPTY PURSE	.Read Psalm 37
If DISCOURAGED about work	.Read Psalm 128
If people seem UNKIND	. Read John 15
If you are losing CONFIDENCE	. Read 1 Cor. 13
If you cannot have YOUR OWN WAY	
If you are all OUT OF SORTS	
For a TRAVELING COMPANION	. Read Psalm 121

PRODUCE TABLE



A table will be set up in the coat room throughout the summer for anyone wishing to bring in their extra garden produce to share

with members of the congregation. The idea is to assist those who have too much or not enough fresh garden items. Items may be left on or taken from the produce table throughout the growing season.

Mid-year Contribution Statements will be emailed to those members whose email addresses we currently have. If you would like/need a hard copy please let the church office know. Any members we do not have email addresses for will still receive a statement in their church mailbox.





TERCHERS

THANK YOU TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF AND HELPERS

Teachers

Megan Boldt Tracy Hurda Andrea Grenzer Cheryl Kittel Jody Lau Amanda (Krahn) Zoellner

Helpers

Emily Pope Gunner Schlender Evan Pope

Superintendents

Holly Schlender Melissa Pope

St. Bartholomew greatly appreciates your time and commitment!!

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.



Consequences of Debt

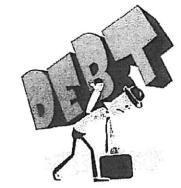
Excessive debt can devastate a family's financial future, create tension and chaos in the family, break up a marriage, and cause health problems. When debt is out of control, larger amounts of money need to be diverted to pay the interest and principal to creditors. Family goals are put in jeopardy. Debt problems grow because the loan's compounding interest works against the borrower.

Money issues may monopolize a person's time, energy and conversation. Things more important than money are no longer of interest or discussed. Prayer and Bible study may be ignored. You can't do what God wants you to do with your money because you already owe it to others. You are no longer free to use your God-given resources

well. Your giving to God and others is reduced or stopped completely. Simply put, debt enslaves. Your debt is too high if it causes anxiety and problems in your home or with your relationship with God.

Debt can lead to a loss of a sense of reality. You live in a home that is owned in large part by a mortgage company or a bank. In your home, you have furniture owned by department stores which you pay for on an installment plan. In your garage is a car or cars owned by banks which you pay for on another plan. You may begin to believe that you are on top of the world and keep on borrowing.

Using debt can give you an illusion that you have more money than you actually have. In reality, you are putting



your future in hock to finance your indulgences. Having too much debt imperils a family's ability to save for the future and prepare for emergencies.

May God grant us all the discipline to control our spending and to not allow material things to become overly important.

Church Signs:

"Home Improvement: Take your Family to Church."

"Happy Hour: Sundays at 10 A.M."

"After-Life Time Guarantee!"

When Do You Say, "I Have Enough"?

It has been said that today's necessities are yesterday's luxuries. For example, not long ago, it seemed that only a few people had cell phones; now almost everyone has one. Cell phones have become necessities rather than just luxuries. We could list dozens of "gadgets" that many of us now feel we cannot get along without.

When we purchase things, do we think in terms of what is a necessity and what is a luxury? An equally important question is, "How much of what we own or want to buy is based on what our neighbors or friends Jesus said, "So do not worry, have?" saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well" (Matthew 6:31-33). Jesus is telling us that we should first seek a relationship with Him, and He will provide for us because He knows what we need. God promises to "meet all your needs" (Philippians 4:19); however, there is no promise to provide for our wants or luxuries. As Jesus said, "Pagans run after all these things." In contrast, our attention and energy as Christians need to be focused on Jesus.

Studies have shown that, as we move up the economic ladder of success, we may stop feeling grateful for our improved circumstances and focus on the luxuries we still don't have. Rather than bringing us fulfillment, financial success can actually increase our desire for more luxuries. Then our three-bedroom home no longer gives us

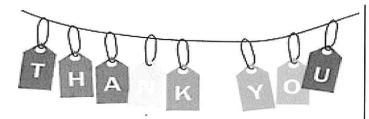
the happiness we seek because we long for a four-bedroom home with a bathroom in each one.

It seems the desire for more things is like drinking salt water; the more salt water we drink the thirstier we become. When do we stop wanting more and say "enough is enough"? Because we are by nature selfish and greedy people, only the strength that comes from Jesus can separate us from our desire for more and more. As Paul wrote, "I can do everything through Him Who gives me strength" (Philippians 4:13).



Called to Be God's Stewards

Although we are unworthy, God calls us to be His stewards. As God works through us, we do His will and follow His leading. Filled with hearts wanting to please Him, we willingly accept the responsibilities that He entrusts to us. We look for no praise or rewards. Having God's love and mercy, we owe Him our full service. Jesus said, "So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, "We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty" (Luke 17:10). It is our duty to be a good steward. Praise God that He has graciously chosen us to be about His work.



Dear Congregation,

My wife and I would like to thank you and the minister and the prayer group for your many prayers on her behalf, they worked!! She is much better and she is beginning to return to normal, and we thank God. We are very grateful for your support.

Sincerely, Bill Schmidt

Pastor on vacation



Pastor will be gone on vacation from July 2 - 9. In the event of an emergency during this time, please contact Pastor Niles at 920-853-3656. You may also contact one of the elders. Pastor

will also be on vacation from July 23-30. In the event of an emergency during this time, please contact Pastor Brassfield at 920-246-2587. You may also contact one of the elders.



"C'mon, Daddy! It's time to put up the decorations of independence!"

from JoyfulNoiseletter.com Reprinted with permission of Bil Keane

CONFIRMATION MAY 6, 2018



MEGHAN PROPSON

FIRE DESTROYS HISTORIC TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, MILWAUKEE

On Tuesday, May 15, a fire occurred at Historic Trinity Lutheran Church at 9th & Highland in Milwaukee. If you would like to help, you may make a donation online at www.swd.lcms.org (select "Trinity MKE fund"), or mail your gift to:

SWD-Trinity MKE fund 8100 West Capitol Dr. Milwaukee, WI 53222

WALKERS NEEDED FOR JUNE 8

The Board of Stewardship/Evangelism is looking for six people to walk with the church float on Friday, June 8. You will be handing out a variety of items to the people along the parade route. If you are willing to help, contact the church office or sign up on the bulletin board.

Bible Quiz - Bible Oddities

Below are listed 10 strange events which occurred in Bible history. Cross out the incorrect phrases.

- Jael, a woman of the Old Testament, killed Sisera by: Sticking a sword in his heart Hammering a tent pin into his head Shooting him
- To see Jesus, Zaccheaus climed up a: Tree Tent pole Long ladder
- Samson burned a field of Philistine wheat by driving through it:
 With a flaming cart
 Using the tails of 300 foxes as firebrands
 Rolling 300 flaming hoops through it
- 4. Eutychus fell asleep during one of Paul's sermons and: Started talking out loud
 Fell into his mother's lap
 Fell out the window
- 5. Absalom, Davids son, died while:
 Driving a chariot with two wild horses
 Hanging by his hair from an oak tree
 Trying to escape from a rock landslide
- 6. Balaam owned a donkey who could: Talk to him, through a miracle by God Count by stamping his front feet Bark like a dog
- 7. When Moses struck the rock with his rod it:
 Broke into a thousand pieces
 Pure, refreshing water came forth
 The Egyptians were defeated
- Og, giant king of the Amorites, had a bed that was: Covered with silk and lace Made of gold and silver 13.5 feet long and 6 feet wide
- 9. Joshua destroyed the walls of Jericho with:

 Battering rams

 Blowing of trumpets, shouting of people
 The firing of cannon
- 10. Jesus got tax money for his desciples by: Finding it in the mouth of a fish Taking a collection among his followers Begging outside the gates of Jerusalem.

HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAY!

1st	Rev. Mark Krueger	15th	Dave Kalies
1st	Dylan Wendling	15th	Kaylee Reinke
2nd	Sandy McWilliams	16th	Zachary Bonick
2nd	Andrew Wittmann	19th	Shawna Levash
2nd	Bonnie Zeamer	20th	Judy Baer
4th	Kayla Behnke	20th	Tony Wittmann
4th	Pete Kittel	22nd	Ava Denor
6th	Jeannine Krepline	22nd	Dorothy Maile
9th	Connie Koerth	23rd	Natalie Krahn
10th	Sandi Zahringer	24th	Erin Scharbarth
10th	Jensyn Kees	25th	Eric Graf
12th	Kelly Behnke	26th	Eric Kittel
12th	Pat Kuehl	26th	Keith Polkinghorne
12th	Donimik Plate	27th	Debra Doughty
12th	Kortney Woldt	28th	Emily Pope
14th	Susan Wittmann		

ANNIVERSARIES

2nd	Craig & Denise Scharbarth
3rd	Richard (Jr.) & Debra Doughty
6th	Kyle & Whitney Kees
9th	Kelly & Laurie Behnke
9th	Steve & Sue Juno
15th	Brian & Becky Krahn
16th	Mike & Terri Delvaux
20th	Pete & Betty Zarnoth
22nd	Gary & Alice Koerth
22nd	Norman & Caroline Krahn
25th	Richard & Sue Hammond
26th	Mike & Dana Irish
30th	Hugo & Joan Zutz

Please forgive us and politely notify us if an anniversary or birthday is missing from the list. Thank you.



Thank you to everyone who helped the mother and unborn baby care in

Appleton and Pro-Life exhibit at the Calumet County Fair with your purchase of a Mother's Day rose. It helped those who are unable to fight for themselves. It was also a "Thanks Mom for giving me life."

JOYFUL RESPONSE

Would you find it helpful to have your offerings debited directly from your bank account as you probably do with other obligations? St. Bartholomew offers electronic giving for those of you who wish to have contributions transferred electronically to the church's account. If you have plans to travel this summer, electronic giving gives you a convenient way to keep up with your intended offerings. Simply complete and return an electronic giving authorization form available from the church office.

Answers to Bible Quiz (Bible Oddities)

- 1. hammering
- 2. Tree
- 3. Using the tails of 300 foxes
- 4. Fell out the window
- 5. Hanging by his hair
- 6. Talk to him
- 7. Pure water came forth
- 8. 13.5 feet long and 6 feet wide
- 9. Blowing of trumpets
- 10. Finding it in a fish's mouth



May 3, 2018

St. Bartholomew Lutheran Church Rev. Mark Krueger 105 Horn St. Brillion, WI 54110-1506

Dear Pastor Krueger,

Thank you for your gift of \$420.00 received on 4/30/2018. Your support helps us improve the quality of life in our community by helping people in need of life's very basic necessities. The words of our stakeholders best express how much your support means to our clients, our organization, and our community:

- A first-time client who was recently diagnosed with cancer writes: "When I pulled into LEAVEN, I debated
 whether to go in. But sometimes you have to reach out for help. The staff and volunteers were caring
 and made me feel the hope."
- A donor whose Facebook post reads: "Going over 12 hours on a cold winter's night with a non-functional
 furnace and waking up to a 57-degree house makes you seriously think about the plight of those who
 can't afford the luxury of warmth. I'm writing a check to LEAVEN. Among its various good works, they
 provide help with utility payments for those struggling financially".
- A volunteer who writes: "LEAVEN is a place where everyone can come for a hand up when his or her
 circumstances become overwhelming. It is a safe place to get the help you need while maintaining the
 dignity everyone deserves. It is because the staff and volunteers understand the underlying mission of
 the program."
- A family of a veteran who thanked LEAVEN by bringing in doughnuts and a card that reads: "Thank you
 for helping our brother get back on track. He has his bounce back in his step and is getting his life back in
 order. You truly gave him a hand up. You are appreciated more than you know!"
- A church pastor who writes: "We appreciate the work that LEAVEN does to serve the needy in our
 community. Rather than individual churches attempting to give a handout to people who come to our
 doors, we support the comprehensive approach your agency provides."

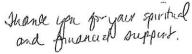
On behalf of the 6,302 households we helped last year, thank you for your kindness, generosity, and compassion.

Sincerely,

MUMUSIUS

Mary Parsons

Executive Director





BIRTHDAYS

1st	Kris Krueger	15th	Justin Zeamer
1st	Jan Wittman	16th	Amanda Zoellner
2nd	Alexis Bailke	17th	Hank Horn VI
4th	Jody Lau	17th	Bryan Krepline
5th	Sienna Emmer	19th	Ashley Rahn
7th	Nancy Davidson	20th	Pete Vechart
7th	Todd Maeder	21st	Jim Behnke
7th	Jamie Moline	21st	Sue Hammond
8th	Shelly Christopherson	22nd	Lyn Skattebo
8th	Evan Polkinghorne	23rd	Tyler Behnke
8th	Tim Pope	26th	Elliot Maile
9th	Danielle Jost	27th	Deb Schleis
13th	Kit Horn	28th	Jake Koffarnus
15th	Sandy Haberland	28th	Kelsey Woldt

ANNIVERSARIES

7th	Aric & Andrea Grenzer
7th	Daryl & Amy Woldt
11th	Terry & Ronnie Zeamer

11th Terry & Bonnie Zeamer 15th Steve & Beth Gilbertson

15th Steve & Bonnie Smith

18th Ron & Sue Detert

20th Josh & Stephanie Petersen

23rd John & Lori Krueger

24th Bryan & Jeannine Krepline

26th Kerry & Pat Kuehl

27th Jeff & Holly Schlender



Please forgive us and politely notify us if an anniversary or birthday is missing from the list. Thank you.



Ladies Aid does not meet in June, July or August.

However, we do not take a vacation from collecting mites each month for

LWML. We ask everyone that you help by giving what you can by putting your mites in the LWML box. Pastor keeps everyone informed of the worth while projects that are being worked on each month. Without your help this work cannot be completed. Thank you.

APRIL SCRIP TOTALS

CARD NAME	TOTAL	PROFIT
Amazon	100	2.50
American Eagle	25	2.50
Bakkheia	100	5.00
BP	900	13.50
Buffalo Wild Wings	100	8.00
Cobblestone	50	2.50
Deer Run	100	10.00
Econo	1875	56.25
Exxon	225	22.50
Festival	450	13.50
Kohls	150	6.00
Kwik Trip	525	21.00
McDonalds	50	2.00
Old Navy	25	3.50
Piggly Wiggly	25	0.75
Roundy's	25	1.00
Shell	475	47.50
Shopko	125	6.25
Starbucks	50	3.50
VISA	100	1.25
Walgreens	100	6.00
WalMart	925	23.13
Woodmans	250	12.50
TOTALS	6650.00	264.63

MILITARY BIBLESTICK

Dear Pastor Krueger,

Please accept our gratitude and deep appreciation for your support of our troops through the Military BibleStick. Your church is a testament to sacrificial giving. Providing our brave men and women in uniform with the gift of God's Word in audio is a blessing that will bring them peace, comfort and spiritual protection as they put themselves in harm's way while serving our country.

It's clear that you are making a difference in the lives of our troops. And thanks to your generosity, many more will now be blessed with their very own BibleStick!

Again, thank you for standing with us in partnership to bring the comfort of God's Word to our military heroes.

'til all have heard,

Troy Carl Vice President



BIRTHDAYS

	1st	Debbie Kalies	14th	Daryl Woldt
	2nd	Shonna Prickette	16th	Debbie Wittman
	3rd	Norma Bailke	17th	Deb Koerth
	3rd	Philip Geiger	20th	Brent Buboltz
	3rd	Braxton Hurda	20th	Bud Zeamer
	4th	Connor Eichhorst	21st	Steve Gilbertson
	4th	Tyler Koerth	21st	Matt Juno
	5th	Tim Muthig	21st	Sue Juno
	6th	Tanner Schlender	22nd	Jessica Krueger
	9th	Terri Delvaux	24th	Lexie Gilbertson
-	9th	Derek Emmer	24th	Mike Irish
0.000	9th	Hank Horn VII	25th	Adam Geiger
0.000	9th	Rhys Moline	25th	Kyle Krueger
	12th	Rhonda Geiger	28th	Erin Propson
	12th	Austin Reabe	29th	Ron Detert
	13th	JoAnn Mignon	31st	Riley Eichhorst

ANNIVERSARIES

2nd	Ralph & Sandy Haberland	
2nd	Pete & Cheryl Kittel	
3rd	Roger & Carolyn Bladow	
3rd	Myron & Jean Peter	
4th	John & Sheri Levash	
8th	Shelly & Jeff Christopherson	(
14th	Deacon & Renee Bonick	,
14th	Randy & Kim Rahn	200
19th	Brian & Amanda Denor	
20th	Bill & Dianne Schmidt	
21st	Bill & Norma Drumm	
23rd	Matt & Brooke Zeamer	
25th	Keith & Debi Polkinghorne	
26th	Bob & Sue Behnke	
26th	Mark & Bonnie Evel	
27th	Rich & Suzanne Gustafson	
27th	Gary & Nancy Kabat	

Please forgive us and politely notify us if an anniversary or birthday is missing from the list. Thank you.

Jules & Carol Clausing

Jim & Patsy Wendling

29th

29th