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FIRST WORD: SEE, EVERYTHING HAS BECOME NEW!

PASTOR JULIE A. K. ANDERSON

“ SO IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST, THERE IS A NEW CREATION: EVERYTHING OLD HAS PASSED AWAY; SEE, EVERYTHING HAS BECOME NEW! 2 COR. 5:17

We are still in that newness of the beginning of the year with all the hope and potential it offers. Have you been working on some new year's resolutions? How have you gone about this? Did you just add something or have you given up fully an old habit?

Changing old habits for new healthier ones such as exercise, stopping smoking, and eating whole grains are all wonderful endeavors. However, the old habits have a powerful hold on us, requiring deliberate and focused reflection to overcome them. The excuse “This is who I am, I can't change”, does not work for believers in Christ Jesus. That we are continually being made into new creatures should give us hope and strength beyond our own resources. Each believer should become more like Christ and less like the old self is what we are challenged to do. God takes what is old and makes it new once more. Faithful living is a lifelong process of growth and change.

When Paul wrote his second letter to the Corinthians it was in response to some bad habits that the Corinthian church had developed in their physical and spiritual lives. His first letter had left some rather hard feelings which Paul wanted to mend. He did not want the brokenness between him and the people of Corinth to interfere with their relationship with Jesus. He wanted to reconcile the people into a new relationship with Jesus, himself and each other.

Just as Paul did in relationship to the Corinthians, we are to invite people into the future of promise we all share. Yet it is often the past experiences and hurts that determine our response to such an invitation; we can forgive but often not forget the hurt of a past experience. The WATERS of our Baptism are meant to daily cleanse us of the past so we may walk boldly into the future. How does one do that you may ask?

Worship is an opportunity to hear and experience within the community of faith the reconciling work of God. When you are in worship regularly you hear over and over this promise which begins to help you look forward instead of back.

Advocacy helps you to see the world from the perspective of the other. When you are given the opportunity to walk with others and speak for those who cannot speak, you can then add your witness to the conversation and become an agent of reconciliation.

Training is an important part of any new endeavor. Reading the instruction of the Bible and applying it to our life is what helps us to break old habits. Using the catechism and devotions to help us obtain a new perspective daily reinforces the new habits.

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CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE Relationships are the hardest, for they deal with situations where we can only control half of the situation. Is there someone which whom you have a broken relationship that has you stuck in a past hurt? Most often the other person doesn't know about the cause of the brokenness and is puzzled by your distance. Your choices are; to continue to live with the bad feelings of the broken relationship or to state your perspective and need to the other and begin to mend, reconcile, the relationship? You can only control your own response, so treat the other as you would like to be treated. You will be amazed at the reconciling power of truth.

Service is one of the things humans were made for. It is when we find purpose in our work that we feel closest to our Creator. We are invited to be part of the process of maintaining and renewing creation with our gifts, talents and treasures. We are to bless others for we have been blessed first and want to share this marvelous gift. We experience the blessings over and over by sharing them.

All of this is affirmed in what follows the promise of being made new in Christ in verse 17.

[18] All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; [19] that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. [20] So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 2 Corinthians 5:18-20

Take these suggestions as a means to be reconciled to one another as your message and ministry of newness.

THANK YOU

The Foodshelf would like to thank Bethany-Elim for the use of the Social Hall for our Toy Giveaway in December. We also want to thank everyone who donated money, toys, and time. Thank you to the Daniels gals for going shopping. We had 36 families, 109 kids. It was a fun day.

Muriel Koopman

BUDGET TIME!

BUDGETING FOR GOD'S FUTURE

PASTOR STEVE RASMUSSEN

The months of January and February have always been, in my mind, a time to sit back and take notice of personal finances and the possibilities they offer. Two things arrive in the mail: tax forms and seed catalogs. One is a harbinger of loss. As a pastor and a former small business owner I have always managed to have to pay less to the IRS than I thought I needed to pay. Self-employed people do not get tax refunds, they get quarterly payment vouchers. Tax forms only remind me of the poor fiscal planning that will leave us impoverished again after the 15th of April.

The other is a harbinger of hope. I love checking out the new varieties and the old standards in the seed catalogs. This year I get to plant a new grove (thanks to God's strong encouragement last July 1st). So I get to decide about what the future will look like on my farmstead.

Somehow this spills over into our faith life as well. We can look at our future of sharing God's gifts with pain and some fear, like we are having to pay taxes. Or we can see our giving as a chance to have a part in creating a new future. As we move into the Lent/Easter season, we are challenged to look beyond the fear of giving to spiritual "taxes," and are invited into joyful giving to create God's new future.

NOTES FROM THE INTERN

VICAR BAILEY LANDA

A couple of months ago, I told you the story about the “Three Trees”, but I told you only the first part of the story. Well, as promised, I will tell you just a little bit more about these three trees!

The second tree looked from her spot on the high mountain top down to the ocean below and told the other trees her dream. “I want to travel the mighty seas and carry the most powerful kings. I will be the world’s strongest ship!” When the second lumberjack looked up at his tree and said, “This tree is strong and perfect for me!”, he took a couple of swoops with his axe, and the second tree fell. The second tree rejoiced, because she believed her dreams were going to come true of sailing the seas with mighty kings.

The third tree was content with her spot on the mountain. She told the other trees, “I want to stay here on this mountain, grow tall, and when people look at me, their eyes will look to heaven and think of God. I want to be the tallest tree in the world!” So when the third lumberjack approached her, he just mumbled, “Any tree will work for me.” The third tree felt sad as she fell to the ground.

The second tree was so excited when she found out that she was going a shipyard. But that day, mighty ships to sail the seas were not being built. Instead, she was hammered and shaped into a plain old fishing boat. She was not built for the oceans or seas, but built for a lake to carry fishermen and their catch.

The third tree was drug to a lumberyard and shaped into strong, heavy beams, and left alone in a pile. All that the third tree wanted to do was to stand tall on the mountain and point to God. She now wondered, “What happened?”

A long time passed, and the trees all but forgot their dreams.

One, hot stormy day, a tired man and some of his friends, were crowded together on that fishing boat. The man fell asleep as the boat rocked in the lake. All of a sudden this huge storm came up and the tree began to worry, because she knew that she didn’t have the strength to keep all these people safe in the storm. And then...the man awoke, he stood up and stretched out his arms wide, and said, “Peace, be still.” The storm was calmed, and the second tree suddenly knew that she was carrying the King of heaven and earth.

On one Friday morning, the third tree was pulled from the pile of beams. She cringed when she was carried through an angry crowd, and shuddered as a man’s hands and feet were nailed to her. She felt ugly and mean. But then early Sunday morning, something special happened, and the third tree knew that God’s love had changed everything. And the third tree knew, that whenever someone would look at her, they would think of God!

Every time I read this story, I am continually reminded of the miracles, wonder, challenges, and beauty that came with Jesus’ ministry. I am reminded that our calls come in the most unexpected ways. Our calls can come in a different way, just like the trees’ did. A mighty sailing ship, is a mighty fishing boat that carried Jesus and his disciples! Plain old beams that held up a man, became the cross that we are continually reminded of God’s love for us all! This story is based off of Mark 4:35-41 and Mark 15:21-16:19.

COMMUNICATIONS

When calling the Winds of the Prairie Ministry Office please use either the 507-694-1238 or 1-866-944-9687 (WotP). Outside of office hours the Bethany-Elim number (507-694-1353) is usually forwarded to the pastor on call and can be accessed from the 1238 voicemail.

JANUARY PREACHING SCHEDULE

		Peace (8:30)	Bethany-Elim (8:30)	Grace (10:30)	Bethany (8:30)	St. Paul (10:30)
Sat, Feb 4	<i>Holy Communion</i>		Anderson			
Sun, Feb 5	<i>Souper Bowl Sunday Holy Communion</i>	Landa	Service of the Word Lay Service	Landa	<i>Anderson</i>	Service of the Word Lay Service
Sat, Feb 11	No evening worship due to Congregational Leadership Day @ Willmar					
Sun, Feb 12	<i>Service of the Word</i>	Lay Service	Holy Communion Anderson	Landa	Landa	Holy Communion Anderson
Sat, Feb 18	<i>Holy Communion</i>				Landa	
Sun, Feb 19	<i>Holy Communion</i>	Landa	Rasmusson	Rasmusson	Anderson	Anderson
Sat, Feb 25	<i>Holy Communion</i>			Anderson – at the Chalet – 5:30 pm		
Sun, Feb 26	<i>Service of the Word</i>	Anderson	Landa	Landa	Rasmusson	Rasmusson

Congregational annual meetings will be held as indicated by bold-italic text.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SCHEDULE

Date	Peace 5:30	Grace 7:00	Bethany 7:00	B-E 5:30	St. Paul 7:00
Feb 22	Rasmusson	Rasmusson	Landa	Anderson	Anderson
Feb 29	Landa	Landa	Rasmusson	Rasmusson	Hope
March 7	Anderson	Anderson	Landa	Landa	Hope
March 14	Rasmusson	Rasmusson	Anderson	Anderson	Hope
March 21	Anderson/Landa	Anderson/Landa	Rasmusson	Rasmusson	Hope
March 28	Rasmusson	Rasmusson	Anderson/Landa	Anderson/Landa	Hope
April 4				Seder @ Ivanhoe 6 pm	
April 5 Maundy Thursday				Holy Communion Service @ 7 pm	
April 6 Good Friday	3:00 pm Blended @ Community Center	Good Friday Service @ 7 pm PJ/VB			Blended Service @ 7 pm-PS
April 7 Easter Vigil			Vigil with Communion @ 6:30 pm		

PASTOR'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2011

Worship	Education	Meetings	Pastoral Acts	Visits
18 - Sundays Worships Total 4 - Nursing Home 8 - Saturday Night 1 - Family worship	7 - Bible/Book Study 1 - Education 3 - TFA	6 - Council/Meeting 1 - WELCA 1 - WXY 3 - Synod	0 - Funeral 0 - Baptism 5 - Counseling 1 - Wedding 1 - Affirmation of Baptism	20 - Home 7 - Hospital 6 - Public Events



BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES SUNDAY TEXTS FOR STUDY

Date	Old Testament	Psalms	New Testament	Gospel	Theme
February 5	Isaiah 40:21-31	147:1-11, 20c	1 Corinthians 9:16-23	Mark 1:29-39	Fifth Sunday of Epiphany
February 12	2 Kings 5:1-14	30	1 Corinthians 9:24-27	Mark 1:40-45	Sixth Sunday of Epiphany
February 19	Kings 2:1-12	50:1-6	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	Mark 9:2-9	Sunday of Transfiguration
February 22	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17	51:1-17	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21	Ash Wednesday
February 26	Genesis 9:8-17	25:1-10	1 Peter 3:18-22	Mark 1:9-15	First Sunday in Lent

MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES: Men are invited to gather at 7:30 am on the 2nd Saturday at Rusty's in Taunton and the 3rd Saturday in Ivanhoe at Bethany-Elim Lutheran Church.

FRIDAY MORNING BREAKFAST STUDY: Come to Bethany in Arco at 7 am for breakfast and Bible study.

Wednesday morning Text Study at 8:30 am at Grace Lutheran in Lake Benton includes a reading and discussion of the upcoming readings for the Sunday worship. No Study on February 14.

Bible Study on Second and Fourth Tuesday at 10 am will begin by focusing on the readings of the season that review for us the faithfulness of God's plan for the upcoming weeks.



SPIRITUAL GIFTS INVENTORY

WISDOM AND WRITING

God has given each Christian two vitally important gifts. The first is the gift of faith in Jesus Christ, his work of redemption, and thus forgiveness of sin. The second is the gift of one or more special abilities, which are to be used for the purpose of unifying the body of Christ and for the growth of God's Kingdom. These abilities are called spiritual gifts and they are received through our baptism.

Like other presents, it is impossible to fully appreciate and make use of our spiritual gifts until they have been opened. This tool will help you begin to open your spiritual gifts by guiding you through scripture review, scripture references, and self-assessment inventory.

Each month we'll give you the 3 inventory questions for several of the gifts. For each of the questions which follow, select the number that best matches how you perceive yourself.

Numeral scores are presented as:

- 4, consistently true
- 3, frequently true
- 2, occasionally true
- 1, infrequently true
- 0, rarely true

Questions	Score: 0-4
Wisdom	
1. When a challenge is presented, I am usually able to identify an appropriate solution.	
2. People come to me for help in applying Christian faith and values to personal situations.	
3. When direction is needed at work or in the congregation, I am generally asked for my opinion.	
Total wisdom	
Writing	
1. I am able to take a thought or idea and put it into a clear and inspiring written form.	
2. I often feel moved to write about my thoughts and feelings so others may benefit from them.	
3. My written work has been helpful to others in understanding life's truths.	
Total for writing	

Scores of 7 or greater are considered strong gifts. Following are descriptions, biblical references and ministry suggestion for each gift. If any is a gift of yours use the resources below to learn more and discern how to use your gifts.

Wisdom: the gift that allows the believer to sort through opinions, facts and thoughts in order to determine what solution would be best for the individual believer or the community of believers.

Biblical References: I Corinthians 2:6-13, James 3:13-18, II Chronicles 1:7-11.

Suggestions: Long Range Planning Team, Congregation Council, Peer Counselor, Support Group Leader, Mutual Ministry Team

Writing: the gift that gives a believer the ability to express truth in a written form; a form that can edify, instruct and strengthen the community of believers.

Biblical References: I John 2:1-6, 12-14, I Timothy 3:14-15, Jude 3.

Suggestions: Newsletter Article Writer, Newsletter Editor, Public Relations/Publicity Committee, Letter Writing

This is the last of the questions, so what are your gifts?

All questions from the Spiritual Gifts Assessment at elca.org.

YOUTH PROTECTION GUIDELINES

These policies have been adopted to provide security for youths in the program. In addition, they serve to protect adult leadership from situations in which they are vulnerable to allegations of abuse. Will include a couple each month for your information as an annual review for our ministry.

Awareness of Social Relationships for students and youth is important.

Proper Training and Equipment for Events protects both adults and youth from injury.

Hazing Initiations are prohibited as well as language that demeans or hurts another. This applies to youth and adults. Community building and mutual respect is the guide and foundation for determining whether something is allowed.

No Fraternizing of adults with youth for it violated the clear boundaries that the adult is to protect, as a leader, not peer, of the youth. Those involved in mentoring situations for TFA are to maintain safe boundaries established for this teaching opportunity.

Corporal Punishment is prohibited such as spanking, slapping, hitting, etc... If a youth behaves in a way that disrupts activities; by speaking out of turn, unasked for or inappropriate physical contact or other action as determined by the instructor and/or Superintendent.

1. They will be given one warning.
2. A second warning will result in notification of parents
3. A third violation will lead to disciplinary action which may include suspension, expulsion, parental supervision during class or special study.

LYO SENIOR HIGH GATHERING

The Southwestern Minnesota Synod Lutheran Youth Organization Senior High Gathering will be held at the Best Western in Mankato. In addition to learning and celebrating together, youths will gather as the LYO in assembly to elect the board for the coming year. We have been well represented on the board over the years, with Jessica Epple, Tisha Burch and Katie Bump all serving. If anyone is interested in running for a position on the Synod LYO board, contact Pastor Steve.

Gathering Theme: "Take My Hand"

Gathering Text: Psalm 40: 1-3

When: March 30-31, 2012

Where: Best Western, Mankato

Time: 6:30pm Friday - 5:00pm Saturday

FEATURING: [Avian Sunrise Band](#)

Speaker: Rev. Matt Hausken

Cost: \$80/pre person - includes hotel (All congregations have major subsidies available).

Ages: 9th-12th grade

Registration Opens: February 1, 2012

TRAINING FOR AFFIRMATION

FEBRUARY

- ❖ Our TFA experience in February will include a Splash event on World Hunger, culminating in the Souper Bowl on Super bowl Sunday. We will be getting together on Saturday the 4th to learn about hunger in our area, hearing from those who work for good nutrition in our area.
- ❖ Our Sixth Graders continue their study of the Old Testament looking at the time of the prophets and kings of Israel and Judah. So much of our understanding of the work of Jesus is illuminated by the history of God's Chosen People. Our older students are spending time looking at Paul and the communities that he ministered to across the Mediterranean Sea basin. So much of Luther's understanding of the faith is derived from these stories that they really shed light on our faith today.
- ❖ When Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, all TFA students are to worship with their families at the Wednesday evening services. We will be reflecting on the Ten Commandments at these evening worships. Be sure to check the schedule for service times. Some of our congregations have suppers before or after the services, so it is a great time to invite friends to join you!

SHETEK LUTHERAN MINISTRIES

VICAR BAILEY LANDA

Campfires and campers and counselors, OH MY! When asked to write a little blurb about Shetek Lutheran Ministries, my face lit up and I'm excited beyond words right now just to be sitting down and writing this! I started going to camp when I was going into 5th grade and my final summer as a staff member was summer of 2009. As you can tell, I really enjoyed it, and still do to this date!

Camp offers so many opportunities, from Day Play for those entering 2nd grade, a week at camp for 4th-6th and 7th-9th graders, to the CIT(10th grade +) and Agape programs (ages 14 on up), and Grandparent/Grandchild, Family Camp, and ABC Camp for families. A normal day at camp would include morning worship with fun songs that will be stuck in your head all week and for months later; bible study that goes with the summer theme; free time where you can go swimming, kayaking/canoeing, arts and crafts, basketball/volleyball/kickball in the Activity Center, canteen; all camp games; Environment Education time where you can meet some of the camp animals; an overnight camp out across the lake; the ChristWalk; a Clown Worship; campfires; and so much more!

The different programs have so many different highlights, that make each program unique. Grandparent/Grandchild camp, gives grandmas and grandpas a wonderful opportunity to bond in faith with their grandkids. The CIT program, you will go through a one week training program, and then you get to come back as many times as you would like to serve under a counselor, as the CIT (counselor in training). As an Agape, you will be paired up with 1-3 campers with special needs who are attending S.O.S Camp. With this program, there is no cost for you to come and serve others!

And, if you like a little more adventure, you can check out X-treme Outcamp or the Wet & Wild canoe trip! X-treme Outcamp is a few days spent around the different islands of Lake Shetek and nearby lakes. You get to hike, swim, canoe, eat over a fire every day, and be one with the wilderness!

I hope this finds you a little bit more interested or extremely excited for camp! There are so many opportunities for all ages at Shetek! We will have a Camp Sunday for the churches to find out more information from a summer staffer, or check out www.shetek.org for more information!

FAMILY FAITH

NANCY KROG

I just got in from doing chores and am reminded of the strength of the wind. Even with my neck gator on, that wind cuts right through you sometimes. And we are even having a mild winter this year compared to the last two winters! So when I found the family devotion below, it was a perfect fit for a windy day and a powerful God! So keep your sails pointed in the right direction and our Lord will guide and encourage you and keep you safe!

WINDY WEATHER

TODAY'S READING: Mark 4:35-41

They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and waves obey Him!" Mark 4:41

FAITH WALK: On a windy day, (Lincoln County provides many windy days to choose from) take a walk around your yard or neighborhood looking for ways the wind makes its presence known (for example, waving tree branches, tinkling wind chimes, or snow drifts). Try running with the wind and against the wind. Imagine God's power – stronger than the wind!

FAITH TALK:

Re-read the entire Scripture selection. Imagine the power of the wind and waves. Only, God, the creator of the wind and the waves, has the power to make the wind stop and the waves be still. What does this story tell us about Jesus?

What fears do you have? How can this story be a comfort? How does Jesus show His power in your life?

When friends or family members are worried or afraid, gently comfort them with a reminder of the power of God.

FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES:

Look for man-made sources of wind in your home, such as a fan or a hair dryer. Use them to create a few moments of wind. After each yell, "Jesus is more powerful than the wind!"

Act out the story of Jesus stilling the storm.

Have fun in the wind. Blow bubbles. Let snow fall between your fingers. Which direction do they fly? Fly paper airplanes with the wind and against the wind. What does it mean to be for God and against God?

Finish the phrase, "Jesus is more powerful than..."

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE:

Dear Jesus, You are more powerful than storms. You are more powerful than nightmares. You are more powerful than my greatest fears. Comfort me with Your power and help me to share Your strength with others. In Your powerful name, Amen.

BETHANY, ARCO

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR JANUARY

USHERS: Wayne Possail family

Ardis & Maris Henriksen - Lenten Services

ALTAR GUILD: Marie Henriksen

BETHANY-ELIM, IVANHOE

BETHANY-ELIM SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

NANCY KROG

There will be NO Sunday School on February 5 due to the annual meeting.

Mark your calendar for February 26 as the kids will be singing in church and hosting our Vacation Bible School fundraiser. Come hungry as egg bake and muffins will be available. A free will offering will go toward VBS 2012. Vacation Bible School has been scheduled for June 18-21 with Shetek Lutheran Ministries.

Thanks to our prayer pals who continue to provide support and encouragement to our youth!

GRACE, LAKE BENTON

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR JANUARY

USHERS: Mike Czech, Lloyd Dahl,
Milo Downs, Don Evers

GRACIOUS WORDS

KAREN LICHTSINN

During January, Grace prepares for our annual meeting on Jan 29. As we embark on a new year, the council looks forward to sharing our past accomplishments and future opportunities with the congregation. Looking back at 2011, we had many special moments and celebrations in our congregation; the 125th Anniversary celebration, Pastor Steve's 30th anniversary of his ordination, accomplishments of our Sunday School, WELCA and work groups, saying goodbye to Vicar Jackie and welcoming Vicar Bailey, the birth of new members and the loss of beloved members. But God is with us through it all; the joy and the sadness. As we move forward in 2012, let's take God with us in all that we do. "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed." Proverbs 16:3 (NIV)

SPECIAL THANK YOU - During January, Grace Lutheran Church served lunch at the Carpenter Auction on

Sat Jan 7. The event was a huge success and the proceeds will help to support our general fund, as we work to offset the deficit during 2012. Thank you to everyone who worked at the auction, those who contributed food and money and to those you helped organize, setup and cleanup. Many hands make light work. We can accomplish great things when we work together. Grace plans to serve at another auction in the Fall.

REMINDER: the Feb joint council meeting will be the "Equipping Leaders Day" on Feb 11 at Willmar, MN. All council members are asked to attend, including our new council members. We will carpool from the church that Saturday morning, and conduct our council meeting on the way to the event. Last year was a great experience, and we look forward to meeting with other members of the SW MN Synod.

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

We are seeking a volunteer from Grace Lutheran to serve on the Danebod Village Board. Bud Knutson formerly held that position on behalf of Grace. Please contact Karen Lichtsinn if you are interested in serving in this position.

PEACE, RUTHTON

NOTES AND DATES

St. Matthew Circle will not be meeting January or February.

Wednesday, Feb. 1, 7 pm – Church Council

Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2 pm – St. Mark Circle meets at the home of Valerie Petersen

Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2 pm – PLCW

Monday, Feb. 13, 5 pm – St. John Circle meets at the church

Monday, Feb. 27, 9 am – Quilting Day

PRAYER CONCERNS

BETHANY (ARCO):

Pray for Ardis Henriksen, Don & Delores Oerter, Dagmar Blegen, Elsie Barber, and Harley Johnson (brother of Joan Lundberg)

BETHANY-ELIM (IVANHOE):

Pray for Mavis Nielsen, Kay Weckert, Bernie Aronson, Dennis Healy, Muriel Koopman, Rhoda Larson, Charmaine Lundberg, Dave Lawrence, Dennis Amundson, Ken Swanson, Brenda Sheik, Bruce Kelm (brother of Gretchen Suhr); Gabriel Johnson (Grandson of Norma Jean Johnson); Leigh Jerzak; Michael Kropp; Jackson Nelson (son of Ryan & Kate Nelson); Kristi Morelan; Dareld Benz (brother of Mavis Nielsen); Nancy Resmen (sister-in-law of Bernadine Olsen); Linda Vlaminc (Sister-in-Law of Dave & Marlene Lawrence); and Mary Grace Nelson (daughter of Ryan & Kate Nelson).

GRACE (LAKE BENTON):

Pray for the family of Bud Knutson. Pray for Marjorie Meyer, Steve Johnson, Deloris Johansen, Norma Burdick, Robert Boll; Joyce McColn (sister of Carl Burk); Rev. Gary Kubly (MN Senator); Paula Jacobson (Daughter of Wayne & Annette Fehrman); Earl Klitzke; and Chet Borresen

PEACE (RUTHTON):

Pray for Bonita Fuhrmann, Marian Rupp, Herb Vinson, Carolyn Holck, Edna Haraldsen, Lavonne Fuhrmann, and Cliff Kittelson.

ST. PAUL (MINNEOTA):

Pray for Lyall Gislason, Doris Richards, Clara DeRoode, & Crystal Gawarecki.

TYLER NURSING HOME:

Marjorie Meyer, Grace Lutheran

Cliff Kittleson, Carolyn Holck, Harvey Christensen- Peace Lutheran

HENDRICKS NURSING HOME:

Ila Rasmussen, Bethany Lutheran

Kay Weckert, Bethany-Elim Lutheran

DIVINE PROVIDENCE NURSING HOME (IVANHOE):

Mabel Dressen, Bethany Lutheran

Elsie Barber, Bethany Lutheran

Dagmar Blegen, Bethany Lutheran

MILITARY:

Pray for the leaders of this nation and all the nations of the world that all may seek peace. Pray for those family and friends of the members of WOTP who serve in the military or reserve forces, especially Matt Schaefer (in Kuwait); Lucas Oerter, Scott Johnson, Jon Dougherty, Christian Vizecky, Jon and Jack Healy, Danielle Thomsen, Michael Colman, Ross, Ryan, Angela, and David Nelson, Allan Peterson, Brook Brown, Derrick Linneman, Todd Board, Kyle Sheik, Alyson Bylone, Steve VandeBerg, Jim Pedersen, Justin Schmidt, Adam DeRoode, Pam Gregor, Paul Gregor, Jr., Corey Gregor, Christopher Gregor, Stephanie Christoffels, and Paul Gregor