



The Bridge

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Monday: Office closed

Tuesday through Friday: 9:00 A.M.–1:00 P.M.

These are the regularly scheduled hours for Linda.

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please just call!**

Worship Schedule

Sunday: 9:30 A.M. Worship Service

11:00 A.M. Education Hour

July *Bridge* deadline – June 15, 2012

Send items to **Karin Krog** at bridge@ctlelgin.org or leave in mailbox on the top of the mail slots outside the church office.

We are centered in Christ and reach out to care.

We proclaim Jesus as Lord and Savior.

We equip and teach for spiritual growth.

We worship passionately.

We minister to the physical and spiritual needs of others.

We discern and use the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

We invite and involve others with a welcoming heart.



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COME ONE COME ALL

Save the Dates

For future events, be sure the church office receives date and time information so calendars and space needs are all correct! Click on the hyperlinks for more information.

Sunday, Jun. 10	Exploring God's Word	
Sunday, Jun. 17	New Member Class	11:00 A.M.
Saturday, Jun. 23	Gathering for Women	9:00 A.M.
Sunday, Jun. 24	New Member Class	11:00 A.M.
Sunday, Jul. 1	New Member Class	11:00 A.M.
Sunday, Jul. 1	Cookbook Deadline	
Monday, Jul. 23-27	Vacation Bible School	
Sunday, Jul. 29	Youth Mission Trip 2012	
Saturday, Nov. 3	Habitat for Humanity Craft Show	9:00 A.M.
Friday, Nov. 09	Council Retreat	
Friday, Nov. 16	Women's Retreat	



Exploring God's Word! Summer Reading Program & Summer Sunday School Kick-off Picnic Sunday! June 10, 2012!

What is it? A combination of a summer reading program and Summer Sunday School. The Summer Sunday School sessions will focus on "Bible Basics" like the names of the books of the Bible, how to find chapters and verses, tools we use to help study the Bible (concordances, dictionaries, atlases, etc.).

When are the Sunday School sessions? Begins on Sunday, June 10th, continues every other Sunday until August 5.
(Mark your calendar for June 10, June 24, July 8, July 22 and August 5)

What do we read? Each group of kids will have a separate list for the reading program portion.

Get to know the BIBLE!!

Who can participate? Any child from toddlers (pre-readers can have the stories read to them) to high school.

What happens after August 5? Every participant in the reading program and Summer Sunday School will receive a certificate of completion and special prizes. Each group (pre-readers, grades K-3, grades 4-6 and grades 7 and up) will have their own set of rewards!



**Award Party on August 5th with
Ice cream and games!**

Exploring God's Word! Summer Reading Program & Summer Sunday School



FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

From Pastor Keith

Grace and peace to you from our Lord Jesus!

The past weeks have been an exciting time around here. There has been a wonderful spirit in worship and great attendance (we have run out of bulletins twice now!). We've been seeing new faces, and some exciting things have been happening...a new sign, a new website, new email contact system, a new concert and art series was launched...the list goes on and on, and all of these are signs of God's Spirit at work among us!



One of the most exciting things for me as a pastor is seeing the stirring of God's Spirit in our young people. It is a privilege for me to be involved in teaching Confirmation and to see the growth of the youth as they mature and learn more about what it means to be followers of Jesus. This year, on Sunday, June 3, we will be confirming three young women: Abbie D., Anneliese J., and Angie T. They have studied hard for three years to deepen their understanding of the Catechism, of the Christian faith, of the scriptures, and of what we, as Lutherans believe about God, about Christ, about the Holy Spirit, about the Church, and about what it means to live as followers of Jesus in a very complicated world.

"Confirmation" is really not the preferred term anymore, though. If you look in the front of the worship book, what was once called "the Rite of Confirmation" is now called "Affirmation of Baptism." There is an important reason for that. "Confirmation" puts the emphasis on something being done *to* the individual, i.e., the laying on of hands to stir up God's Spirit of power and truth within them. And that is a vital part of the rite.

However, "Affirmation of Baptism" reminds us that promises were made at the baptism of each of these young women, promises made by parents and sponsors. But now, these young people take on those promises for themselves, promises to renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, to renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of



sin that draw us away from God. Then there are those promises to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper, to proclaim the Good News of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Those are exactly the same promises that were made at their baptism...and they are the same promises made at yours, most likely.

Affirmation of Baptism is an opportunity to claim those promises for oneself. However, this is not just something for young teens to do once, and then be done with it. This is not a "graduation ceremony." It is an early milestone along a lifetime of following Jesus. And it is something that we need to keep doing repeatedly throughout our lives.

It's easy to forget what those promises are that have been made in our name, and that we have affirmed, many of us as teenagers. In addition, it is easy to slack off in upholding the covenant that has been made between God and us in baptism. Every one of us needs to be reminded repeatedly of the things that God has called us to, and that we have sworn to do, with God's help and guidance.

This month, and then regularly after that, I'd like you to turn to the front of the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW) book, p. 234, and read the rite for Affirmation of Baptism. Meditate on those promises. And then make them your own promises once again, asking God to help and guide you in keeping them...and rejoicing in God's mercy as you look back at the times that you have failed to do so.

And then, while you're at it, turn to the back of the ELW to p. 1160, and spend some time reading through Luther's Small Catechism. Remind yourself of the commandments, the creed, the Lord's Prayer, and of how we can understand the sacraments. Then ask God's Spirit to be stirred up in you once more. There is life after Confirmation—abundant life!

Pastor Keith



From Deaconess Andrea

Exploring God's Word!

Many times I hear people say “I wish I knew more about the Bible,” or “I don’t know where/ how to start reading the Bible more.” This summer I am inviting the kids (and adults if they are interested!) to participate in Summer Sunday School and Reading Program. The classes will be on Sunday mornings and will focus on Bible basics – things like finding the books, chapters, verses and how to use Bible tools (dictionaries, concordances, maps). We also spend some time reflecting on the Bible stories read the previous week.

I have taught the Bible several times to kids who are always fun to teach because they have new and varied interpretations of the Scriptures! It’s a joy to see them have confidence in finding their way around their Bible and sometimes they can teach their families what they have learned!

With the addition of the Reading program, I am hoping that it will encourage the kids and youth to read some stories they might not get a chance to study during Sunday School. Each group of kids will have different parts of the Bible that I am challenging them to read so I anticipate all of us learning from each other!

This is one small part in the continued faith journey of kids and youth. Ask a child or youth this summer if they are participating, if they are ask them what they are reading and what they think about the stories. You may learn something new too! We all can encourage one another to grow in our faith by reading God’s Word.

All kids and youth (and adults) are invited to participate! If they cannot read to themselves yet, families are encouraged to read aloud together. Near the end of the summer, prizes and awards will be handed out.

Serving Christ with you,

Deaconess Andrea

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR GROUPS



At the picnic, you will be able to pick up reading program record sheets, listed below are the general Bible challenges for each group:

- **Pre-readers:** any story from the Spark Story Bible (Preschoolers should have received one, contact me if you need one)
- **Young Elementary:** The Gospels – Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John
- **Older Elementary:** Psalms and Proverbs
- **Grades 7 – adult:** the Pentateuch – Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy



WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOD UP TO?



Each month we set aside space in this newsletter for one of our members to relate how God has been working in their lives. The synod and our own congregation are encouraging us to bring those stories out to celebrate God moving among us. It does seem easier to tell someone else's story than to tell our own. Why is that? Shyness, guilt, introversion, perfectionism ...you name it, and we all could think of a reason not to tell our story.

To help launch this opportunity last month, I decided to climb my own mountain of fear so that you might feel the Holy Spirit in everyday life. I will keep each of you in prayer that your words of praise and glory to God will flow easily. This month we hear **Carri Nikula's** story of how God has worked miracles for her. Carri suffered two aneurysms that ended up changing her life in dramatic ways.

Please submit your narrative to bridge@ctlelqin.org or in the *Bridge* mailbox in front of the church office.

My Second Birthday

I sat and wrote this today with plans to post it as a note on my Facebook next Monday, April 30, 2012. I call it my second Birthday. I hit "save." I then went and checked through my email, and read *The Bridge* and Karin's story. I went back to send the story I had written to Russell's email, because I didn't want to post it without him reading his part in my story. I thought that maybe I should send it to the *Bridge*. I went back to it to look where to send it, still not convinced I was going to, read the paragraph preceding Karin's story, and decided yes, I would send it. I guess I would also like everyone to know just how precious their kindness and prayers were. So here it is....

Friday April 30th 2010, a day, I will never forget. Two years ago.

I will ALWAYS make sure I don't work on this day. My promise to me. I will always try to spend it having a day being grateful for all that I have.



Within the first six months of my own recovery of my aneurysms, I attended a funeral of a woman with a contagious laugh who didn't have her mom in the house to call 911 when she collapsed. I also still get updates from my sister about her co-worker who collapsed at work and has recovered, but still can't speak, do her own hair, paint her nails etc. I think about these two women quite often on my bad days, the days I want to whine or complain, days I want to feel sorry for myself. I pick myself up and move on. They would love to be me, I bet! 2011 was a year of feeling as if I wasn't fulfilling my destiny. Why am I here? Why was I saved? How did I get so blessed? Why am I so lucky? Am I doing enough?

My Pastor answered my questions with this...

"Carri, I would say this about your questions: You're not lucky, you are BLESSED...and we are blessed to be blessings to others. That's what God had in mind for you, and that's what you have been doing, whether you always realize it or not. This experience, while I don't think God *caused* it, I do believe that God is *using* it, bringing good out of it so that you can do good for others."

What I got from that...a walk with God I never had before. I had always talked about going to church, but had never made it. I had been to Christ the Lord to visit three or four times before my aneurysms. Those few visits got me an entire community of prayer and reaching out that I will always be grateful for, and will forever be amazed by. My pastor visited with me and my family many times and provided much needed comfort and prayer in the hospital. People of my church knitted me a prayer shawl, and sent food to my family's home for dinner. Just amazing! I say "my" pastor and "my" church now because I have become a member. I was not a member then--just a girl who worked at a restaurant Pastor went to when he was having his kitchen remodeled! At Christ the Lord we begin our service with all of us saying, "**We are centered in Christ and reach out to care.**" My story of my beginnings with my church really proves that is exactly what we do!

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My second year.

I have managed to keep off the original 35 pounds I lost the first year. I still want to drop 35 more. Working on it. I started to feel better about me. I went back to work in the Restaurant Biz full time. That has been a challenge. I have two jobs. I shut up and I am grateful. Most of the time! :-)

I started praying a lot, mostly when I walked. Not sure if it was proper praying. I guess I will say I talked to myself and God quite a bit! LOL! One of my biggest discussions was my love life. Something had changed. The hard-ass girl that didn't believe in marriage, that was 44, never been married, never had kids, was starting to feel really lonely...which was the feeling I was having when I started to visit my church in early 2010. Just lost and needing something to hang onto. Now it was a bit different. God had lifted me up, now I was excited to move forward! Something changed. I felt different, more "girly," I guess. There were options thrown my way by girlfriends. No thanks, ladies. I asked for God's help. I told him I was ready, that the old me was gone. I was ready to accept love, be loved and to give love. I asked him exactly this..."Please send me someone you feel I need, not the one I think I need."

*THEN...along came **Howard Russell Bonine.***

Let me start by saying I had known him for quite sometime. He was a bar regular of mine from Friday's. He had started coming in there middle to late 90's. What I didn't know is that whole time he quietly sat at my bar sippin' his Guinness, he was really wishing for me. How humbling is that! I am so glad he waited. That Carri then would have let him slip away. In talking now, neither of us would have been ready for what we have found now, back then.

Through a mutual friend, we became friends on Facebook. I would "check in" @ Village Squire, and he would see it and come sit @ the bar. We would chat. It was so good to see him! His smile and sweetness always lit me up, back then @ TGI and it did today! Right around Thanksgiving and Christmas 2011, we exchanged numbers, we texted. He showed interest in visiting my Church +++! He had come in on a Friday night and sat at the end of the bar. I got off and stood by him and we talked and talked. So much in common; same age, no kids, never married, he had brain



trauma too. Who gets that commonality? He walked me to my car that night. I got a hug. I wanted to kiss him SO BAD! I said aloud to myself on the way home, "I want him to be my boyfriend! He will be my boyfriend!" We made tentative plans to hook up on New Year's Eve. I had to work. He came in to Village Squire. I got off work. Sat with him. He's been mine ever since! He spent all of New Year's Day with my Friend Family--which included Pastor Keith, who likened him to John Boy! How cute. He does kinda. It's going to be five months together as of tomorrow. I feel like I've been with him so much longer. I love him more than I ever thought I would love anyone. I am loved by him more than I thought anyone would ever love me! He makes me want to climb a mountain so I can scream from the top how grateful I am for him! "God gave me you!" by Bryan White. My song to him. I have an entire play list called Russell. You can listen.....
<http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL3E3334A5DFFD46C5>

This year has brought cancer into my life for the first time. My Bestie Dawn and her mother April are battling cancer. Two more reasons to not feel sorry for myself. 4/30/2010, 05/18/2010 I left the hospital. December 2010 I was back at work. I struggled a bit at first, but nothing intolerable. Nothing like what Dawn and her mom are going to and still have to fight through. If you're reading this, please stop for a minute and say a prayer for them. The power of prayer works! You read my story! I'm alive and in love!

This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. – Psalm 118:24

Have a Blessed Day!

Carri Ann Nikula



WORSHIP NEWS

Scripture Lessons for June

The Holy Trinity
First Sunday after
Pentecost
June 3, 2012

Isaiah 6:1–8
Psalm 29
Romans 8:12–17
John 3:1–17
Color: White

Second Sunday after
Pentecost
June 10, 2012

Genesis 3:8–15
Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1
Mark 3:20–35
Color: Green

Third Sunday after
Pentecost
June 17, 2012

Ezekiel 17:22–24
Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15
2 Corinthians 5:6–17
Mark 4:26–34
Color: Green

Fourth Sunday after
Pentecost
June 24, 2012

Job 38:1–11
Psalm 107:1–3, 23–32
2 Corinthians 6:1–13
Mark 4:35–41
Color: Green

John the Baptist
June 24, 2012

Malachi 3:1–4
Psalm 141
Acts 13:13–26
Luke 1:57-67 (68-80)
Color: White

Sunday Morning Schedule

9:30 A.M. Worship
11:00 A.M. Education Hour



GET INVOLVED

THERE ARE MANY WAYS!

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." - *Winston Churchill*

Gathering for Women

You are invited to **Jan Getty's** house on **Saturday, June 23, 2012** for fellowship and a Bible study from 9–11:30 AM. We will enjoy a light breakfast, sing some hymns, meet some biblical travelers, and talk about our own journeys of faith. All women are welcome! Please register in the Gathering Area on **June 10th or June 17th**. Questions? Call [Jan Getty](#) at 847-888-9501 or by email.

Nursery Opportunity

Urgent Need: We need committed, caring individuals to serve with **E.J. and Sandy** in the church nursery! Per our Child Protection Policy, there must be two unrelated people over the age of 14 every Sunday. We are putting together a 12-week rotation schedule of volunteers. Caring individuals would serve once every 12 weeks. We have seven volunteers as of May 18th. Please consider serving in this important ministry to our young children! Help us reach our goal! The schedule begins June 3rd.

Altar Flowers

There were no donors of altar flowers May 6th and May 13th. There are opportunities available for donations. See the flower sign-up sheet on the front board in the entryway. Just sign up, and designate the flowers as being in celebration, honor, or memory of something or someone. That's it. The office will send a bill. The cost of flowers is \$30 for both arrangements. If the Sunday is shared, the cost is half. No donors, no flowers.



Rummage Sale (Postponed)

The Social Ministry Committee would like you to know that our annual rummage sale, usually held in June, will not take place this year. We would like to sponsor one the summer of **2013**, but need a volunteer to organize it. If you would like to help in this way, please tell [Deaconess Andrea](#) or [Barb Bosch](#).

CTL Cookbook

Our current cookbook is 11 years old. [Sue Kuschmirz](#) has volunteered to update it this year. Her goal is to have it ready by this year's Habitat for Humanity Craft Fair, November 3rd.

There is a large box labeled "recipes" near the offices. Please turn yours in by **July 1!**



Any recipes—healthy, diabetic, old family favorites, gluten free, "craft" (like Play-Doh), and not-so-healthy—are welcome!

Vacation Bible School

Hello all! Vacation Bible School (VBS) is coming soon. The theme is "Sky!" We still need adult volunteers for Vacation Bible School **July 23 – July 27**. For answers to any questions regarding VBS, please feel free to contact [Pam Willey](#), or if you need her phone number, message her and she will send it to you.

Prayer Group

Each Tuesday morning at 8:30 A.M., a prayer group meets for a half hour of prayer for the mission of our congregation and for the needs of its people and of those dear to them. Prayer has power! It's a great time of fellowship. Come join us!

Retreat Dates for 2012

Fri., Nov. 9 – Sat., Nov. 10 Council Retreat at Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center

Fri., Nov. 16 – Sat., Nov. 17 Women's Retreat at Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center



Caring for God's Creation!

Youth Mission Trip 2012

Cumberland State Park, Kentucky

July 29th – August 4th

Our youth will be working in the State and National parks while learning more about God's creation!

What can members of the congregation do?

- Pray for youth and leaders as they prepare.
- Support fundraising efforts
- Sponsor an individual child
- Come with us!

Contact: [Pam Willey](#)

Applications for the trip have to be in by May 27th. The need to figure our finances and how many vans we will need are a big part of that. Please get them in ASAP. If you have lost it--see **Pam Willey or EJ**. Youth need to fill out the application--not parents. We will have plenty for parents to fill out later.

Market Day in June

(For our Youth Ministry)

Order forms are on the table by the church entrance.

Order online at <http://www.marketday.com>.

Total funds raised **\$3,390.70** as of 5/15/2012.

Current month: **June**

Cut off date: **Tuesday, June 5, 2012 11:00 P.M. CST**

Pick up date: Friday, **June 8, 2012 4:30 P.M.**

New Members Group Forming

We will be starting a group for those who would like to become members of CTL. At present, it looks like we will meet on Sunday mornings following worship, with sessions on **June 17, 24, and July 1**. New members will be received in worship on **July 8**. Even if you're not certain that you want to join, come and listen and learn more about the congregation, what Lutherans believe, and what the opportunities for service are here at CTL. Please let [Pastor Keith](#) know if you are interested!



Hooks and Needles

(Prayer Shawl and Baptismal Blanket Ministry)

As you select yarn for a new prayer shawl, we are in need of colors that are bright, lively, and cheerful—colors that will help dispel the gloom! We're getting low on shawls, so please keep crocheting and knitting!

Caring Meals Ministry

“Share with God’s people who are in need, practice hospitality.”
Romans 12:13

When a family member is going through a time of serious illness or an extended stay in the hospital, the last thing on the other family members' minds is preparing or even thinking about eating good meals. This is the time that CTL can step in and provide food for our church family when they are affected by these stressful situations. We are always looking for more people to help with this vital caring ministry.

You can participate no matter what your cooking skills are. You simply need to cook or purchase a meal for another family, just as you would for your own, and transport the meal. You do not have to be a great cook—a simple spaghetti meal will do! The commitment can vary. Sometimes you may be asked to cook one meal per month, other times, once every few months. Anyone who wants to serve others, wants to be part of a ministry but cannot commit to regular meetings, loves to cook, desires to bless families and new babies that are in the midst of difficult circumstances—you are encouraged to join us in this rewarding and delicious ministry.

If this is something you might be interested in doing, please call **Jenn Stoner**, Caring Meals Coordinator (847-428-4225) or email her (jschmidtstoner@yahoo.com) and let her know. She will create teams to provide meals in times of need. God has certainly called CTL to feeding others! Come and be a part of this caring ministry.



Crafters

Crafters do not meet during June and July.

Our next meeting is **Sat., Aug. 18th**, at church. We begin with devotions and a potluck luncheon at 11:30 A.M. followed by our craft at 12:30 PM. Join us for food, fellowship, and fun. For more information, contact [Carol Earsley](#) at 847-695-0833 or [Karin Kroq](#) at 847-373-0545.

Nature Quote of the Day

We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature - trees, flowers, grass- grows in silence; see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence... We need silence to be able to touch souls. - *Mother Teresa*

Prayerful Humor

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!"

His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?"

The son replied, "I do know!"

"Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?"

"That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly, " It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.' (This one is my favorite) *Submitted by Judy Fishburn*

Bound and Un-Gagged (A book club)

We are reading *The Boy in the Suitcase* by Lene Kaaberbol for **June 2nd**. We meet at Colonial Café on McLean Blvd at 8:00 A.M. Come join us for fellowship, breakfast, and some lively discussion about the books that we read. We are reading *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant for **July 7th**. If you have any questions please contact [Carol Helmers](#).



“The Bridge Club”

Looking for a group of people who, like you, are adjusting from one stage of their life to another after becoming suddenly single? Consider coming to our fellowship group, “The Bridge Club,” which meets in restaurants on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 4:00 P.M. Friends are always welcome!!!! For more information, contact [Grace Deibert](#).

June 3 – Prime Burger House, Grand Victoria

June 17 – Porters, Bowes Rd. Elgin

LEARNING

Adult Study Groups

Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10:30 AM

We are continuing an in-depth study of 1 Corinthians. Come and learn what Paul had to say to the Christians living in one of the most sinful cities of the Roman Empire and struggling with what it means to be a faith community. This particular book of the Bible deals with a wide range of topics, from marriage and sexuality to behavior in Christian community, and what it means to be part of the Body of Christ.

B.B.B.: Bible and Brew (or other Beverage)

Bible and Brew (or other Beverage), is an informal Bible study that takes place at the Village Squire Restaurant every Tuesday evening at 7:00 P.M. This is a great time of fellowship and learning and discussion. It’s also a great opportunity to invite friends who maybe aren’t ready for Sunday morning just yet! Each week we look at a topic of interest to our daily lives, and consider what scripture has to say about it as we share with one another. Tuesdays are half-price burger night at the Squire, so it’s an inexpensive opportunity for fellowship and learning. Join us!



PLEASE REMEMBER

Prayers

Please pray for those CTL members who struggle with illness and other concerns, especially: Norma Brinkley, Julie Goetsch, Ursula Hebein, Mary Ellen and John Hogle and their family, Bob Lawrence, Cyndi Littledale, Larry and Joyce Matson, Bob Peterson, Chris Robinson, Roger Rydell

Please pray for those in care facilities or at home, especially:
At Oak Crest: Bud Loek; *At home:* Gloria Allen, Winnie Novicki, Bob Peterson, and Audrey Reeve

Please pray for those in military service, especially:
James Grocke, Andy Haggard, Corbin Jamieson, Manessa Landwer, Rev. Lynn Peterson, John Yaeger

Please pray for our family and friends, especially:
Carol Berger mother of Taylor Lantz
Earl Bicknase uncle of Carol Helmers
Bob Blake husband of Diane Blake
Mary Burian mother of Sharon Fisher-Larson
Grace Carlson sister of Mary Tamraz
Jean Carlson mother of Carol Earsley
Jerry Carlson brother-in-law of Mary Tamraz
Darcy Chambers-Smith friend of Diane Blake
Harry Elvey stepfather of Carol Helmers
Carol Halsey mother of Jacki Bakker
John Hogle husband of Mary Ellen Hogle
Jackie Jarmucz sister of Mary Ellen Hogle
Ann Kallenbach friend of Barb Lawrence
Kim K. friend of Barb Lawrence
Sarah & Max Penorio, grandniece of Barb Lawrence and Bud Loek

Please pray for those who mourn, especially family and friends of:
Judy Bolda aunt of Jill and Larry Bolda
Don Van Buren neighbor of the Lawrences



SPECIAL DATES TO REMEMBER

If you have a June event and do not appear on the lists, please let us know so we can update our records.

June Birthdays

Kevin Pasholk	1	John Cowley	12
Steve Tousey	1	Carla Morrow	12
Rita Yaeger	3	Cheri Lee Lewis	14
Kristin Chiarugi	5	Corrine Ashenhurst	16
Ann Kerber	5	Diane Baldwin	17
Brandt Johnson	6	Maher Mikhail	18
Jerry Deering	7	Melinda Freres	20
Rachel Mullins	7	Linda Deering	21
Dennis Peotter	7	Carl Gjurkovic	25
Collin Tindle	7	Kathy Sauer	25
Lisa Landwer	8	Julian Behnke	28
Quinn Jackson	11	Barb Lawrence	30

June Baptismal Anniversaries

Warren Bosch	1	Aidan Rossow	12
Henrietta Neeley	1	Sarah Alanis	13
Christopher Roper	1	August Rossow	13
Jaime Van Horn	1	Mikayla Gambill	14
Pam Willey	1	Emma Bryan	17
Nicklas Nelson	3	Auggie Nelson	17
Dave Schneider	5	Justin Riebock	18
Heather Bryan	6	Jill Bolda	22
William Klingberg	8	Andrea Delaney	23
Norb Ritt	9	Emma Gjurkovic	24
Nicole Hartman	11	Anna Gjurkovic	24



June Wedding Anniversaries

Rene & Judy Larsen	6
Jill & Larry Bolda	11
Jim & Cyndi Littledale	11
Tom & Lorraine Jensen	13
Justin & Nicole Riebock	17
Jeremy & Karen Tindle	18
Jaime & Kris Van Horn	19
Rick & Henrietta Neeley	25

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Rick Neeley

CTL Office Emeritus

“Wher spelin’ don’t count no more.”

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