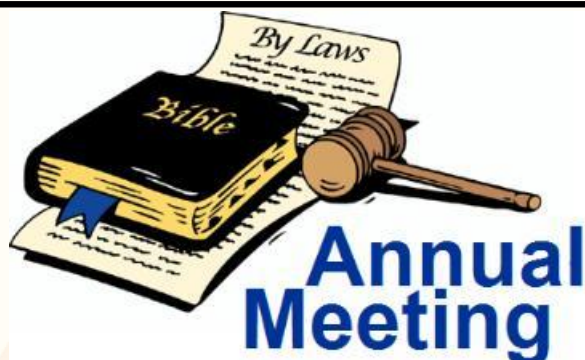


Trinity Tidings

Monthly News from Trinity Lutheran Church

www.trinityalive.org



Sunday, February 2, 2014

Potluck dinner in the Fellowship Hall following the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. The Church Council will provide baked ham and beverages.

The Annual Meeting will be called to order in the Worship Center following the potluck.

Agenda Includes:

- ♦ Reports
- ♦ Election of Church Council and Endowment Board Representatives
- ♦ Constitution and By-Laws changes
- ♦ Seminary Intern vote (see Pastor's Column on the back page)

Friday Men's Ministry

Next Meeting Dates:

January 31 and February 14 & 28
6:30—7:30 a.m.

NEW SERIES BEGINS ON JANUARY 31:
Book Study of Max Lucado's Best-Selling



"If you know nothing of the Bible, start here. If you know everything about the Bible, return here. We all need the reminder. The heart of the human problem is the human. And God's treatment is prescribed in John 3:16.

**This is a great time to join the group,
with the start of a new study series!**

Books available at the Church Office for \$16.
Call the Church for a meal reservation:
402-564-8547

TRINITY VALENTINE'S DINNER

Saturday, February 15 — Dusters Restaurant

SPEAKER:

MARY MAXWELL

Omaha Comedian



The dry humor and quick wit of Mary Maxwell has made her a popular speaker for over 30 years. Search for "YouTube videos of Mary Maxwell" to sample her sense of humor. Men, invite your spouse/guest for an enjoyable evening!

ALL TRINITY COUPLES INVITED

6:30 p.m. Social ♦ 7:00 p.m. Dinner

7:45 p.m. Program

Meal Cost: 8 oz. Champagne Chicken \$20.75
10 oz. Prime Rib \$24.40 (includes tax/gratuity).
Checks payable to **Dusters** with registration.

Reservations: GRAND CENTRAL (February 1-2 and February 8-9). During the week call the Church Office at 402-564-8547. Seating is limited so don't delay!

Deadline is Wednesday Noon, February 12.

HOSTED BY TRINITY MEN'S MINISTRY

DECEMBER COUNCIL NOTES

by Judy Dicke, Council Secretary

Trinity Lutheran Church Council met December 9, 2013, in the Fireside Room. President Dan Mickey called the meeting to order. Pastor White led the recharge.

The Council is recommending additional language in the Trinity Constitution and By-Laws.

Council Nominees were approved for the 2014 Church Council.

Kendall Christensen reported that 95% of the ceiling renovation is complete and most light bulbs have been replaced in the Worship Center.

Patty Swirczek presented the initial 2014 Trinity budget with no major changes from last year.

The Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, February 2, 2014, with a potluck dinner following the 10:30 Worship Service. The meeting will follow in the Worship Center.

Pastor White reported that Billy Czaplak has decided to take correspondence classes to enter the ministry. The Council agreed to offer Billy a financial scholarship with an amount to be determined when the Council receives more information.

A carpet fund will be set up as there have been numerous problems with the existing carpet throughout the church.

The meeting closed with prayer. The next Council meeting will be held Monday, January 20, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

JANUARY COUNCIL NOTES

by Judy Dicke, Council Secretary

Trinity Lutheran Church Council met January 20, 2014. President Dan Mickey called the meeting to order. Pastor White led the recharge.

Billy Czaplak is taking courses through Niagara Lutheran Theological Institute. The Council approved Billy as a pastoral intern at Trinity and to help with his tuition expenses. Pastor White will be his supervisor. Billy thanked the Council for their support.

Patty Swirczek presented the revised and complete 2014 budget of \$707,000 for Council discussion and approval. Patty reported the 2012 audit is complete.

A mailing will go out to all Trinity members concerning the approved changes to the Trinity Constitution and By-Laws. Approval of these changes will be voted on at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation.

The Annual Meeting for Trinity Lutheran Church will be Sunday, February 2, 2014, with a potluck dinner in the Fellowship Hall following the 10:30 Service. The meeting will then commence at 12:20 in the Worship Center.

The meeting closed with prayer. The next meeting will be February 10, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

NOMINEES FOR CHURCH COUNCIL



3-YEAR TERMS

Dennis Durkop (Incumbent)

Mike Kruse

Ron Leimser (Incumbent)

Dan Mickey (Incumbent)



**TRINITY'S
FINANCIAL
UPDATE**

**2013 Income/Expense
through
December 31, 2013**

Offerings for 2013	\$698,220
Other Income for 2013	25,689
Total Income for 2013	723,909
Income Budget for 2013	688,600

Expenses for 2013	\$676,738
Expense Budget for 2013	689,390

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to all of you who gave of your time to DECORATE AND UNDECORATE the church for Christmas! Also the Worship Support Committee would like to thank you for buying and donating poinsettias; our thanks also to those who delivered them to shut-ins. The abundance of plants was a tribute to your generosity.



MANY THANKS!

Coming to Adult Forum February 16 - March 9



- Do you find yourself blaming others for your own mistakes?
- Is it time to stop pointing the finger of blame at others and remove the "it" in irresponsibility?
- Join us in **ADULT FORUM** for the courage you may need to take responsibility for the things in your life.

Looking Ahead . . .

March 5—Ash Wednesday

April 13—Palm Sunday

April 18—Good Friday

April 20—Easter





GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone.

GriefShare groups are led by people who understand what you are going through and want to help. You'll gain access to valuable GriefShare resources to help you recover from your loss and look forward to rebuilding your life.

How GriefShare Works: It may be hard to feel optimistic about the future right now. If you've lost a spouse, child,

family member or friend, you've probably found there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel. This can be a confusing time when you feel isolated and have many questions about things you've never faced before. GriefShare will meet weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. Each GriefShare session has three distinct elements:

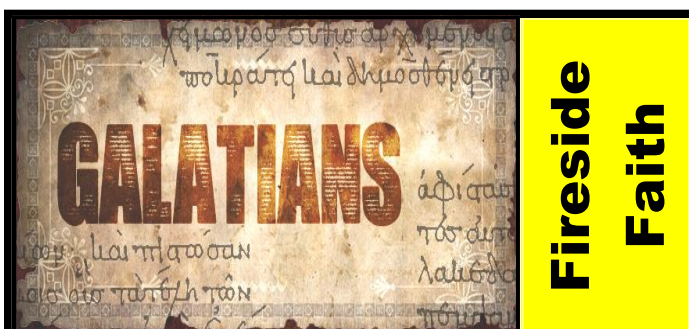
- **Video Seminar with Experts**
- **Support Group Discussion with Focus**

• **Workbook-Based Personal Study and Reflection**

During the week you will have the opportunity to use your workbook for further personal study of the grieving process and to help sort out your emotions through journaling. Our group will spend time discussing questions and comments from the workbook study.

There are thousands of GriefShare grief recovery support groups meeting throughout the US, Canada and in over ten other countries.

Interested in joining a group here at Trinity? Please let Pastor Nestor know of your interest as we develop plans to possibly start a group here soon.



Fireside Faith

Tools to restore and invigorate your spiritual life as we go deep into another New Testament Bible study for life!

Join us Sundays at 9:30 a.m. sharp!



YOUR PART IN THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

You need to check your available Choice DollarsSM. If these dollars are not designated by YOU, they will go back into the national fund; and you will have missed the opportunity to help your home church with 2013 Choice Dollars. Choice DollarsSM allocated for 2013 expire on March 31, 2014.

New allocations began January 1 for 2014 Thrivent Choice DollarsSM. Trinity Lutheran Church has received Choice Dollars: 2012—\$14,954 and in 2013 (to date)—\$9,864. If you have any questions, check with Thrivent Representatives: Tony Barcel, 402-562-9141; Jim Schwalenberg, 402-563-3799; or Jean Andreasen, 402-910-2434, the Financial Director Colfax-Platte County Chapter of Thrivent.

To make your direction, simply:

- Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice
- Log in with User ID and Password
- Go to Direct Choice Dollars
- Go to Search Organization
- Enter City and State; this will give all Columbus NE organizations
- Complete your direction of Choice Dollars to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Columbus NE.

-OR-

Call 800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836) and say "Thrivent Choice." They will ask for your Member ID or address and birth date. Complete your direction of Choice Dollars to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Columbus NE.



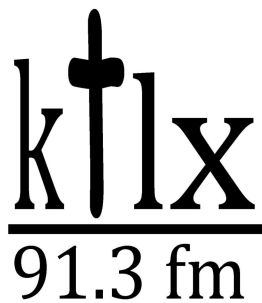
MARRIAGE MATTERS

runs through February 26

God can turn any marriage into a masterpiece! That's why you'll want to join this exciting group. **We meet each Wednesday from 6:30-7:40 p.m.**

Join us **in the Fireside Room** for fun, fellowship, inspiration and relevant Bible study. You'll love it.


Child care provided in Trinity's new nursery!



Many of our listeners still catch all our great programming when they travel out of town by visit-

ing our www.ktlx.org web site and listen to the audio stream!

It's also a great way to catch every live Trinity Worship service when you're out of town or are living outside our broadcast area.

Just click the icon  for your favorite media player and enjoy!



The screenshot shows the KTLX website with a navigation bar at the top including links like Home Page, About KTLX, Thank You Donors, Coverage Map, Links, Listener's Guide, and Christian Radio. The main content area features several program highlights: 'Determined' with a photo of a man, 'ENERGIZE' with a photo of a woman, 'Pathway to Victory' with a photo of a man, 'GOD'S WORD, REFRESHINGLY UN-WATERED-DOWN' with a photo of a man, and 'THE Five LOVE LANGUAGES' with a photo of a man. There is also a section for 'Listener's favorite this month' featuring 'Messianic Minutes'.

TRINITY OPPORTUNITY - BILLY CZAPLA INTERNSHIP

by Pastor White

At the upcoming Trinity Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 2, Trinity members will have the opportunity to vote on the approval of Billy Czapla joining the staff as a seminary intern. Many of you know Billy and Denise Czapla and their daughter Camille who regularly attend Worship Services at Trinity. Billy and Denise designed and lead the "Wired 12-2" Junior High Ministry, and Billy serves on the Trinity Property Committee as well. In recent years God has confirmed in Billy's heart a Call to Pastoral Ministry. In December of 2013 he began a course of study via distant learning with Niagara Lutheran Theological Institute to complete a Master of Divinity Equivalency that would qualify him to serve as a pastor in our national church association, Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC).



Billy Czapla

for service as an ordained minister. The expectation is that, upon his graduation, Billy would seek a Call to an LCMC Church.

Of course, Trinity too will benefit with the addition of a gifted leader to our staff. His internship would be part time throughout the two-year period that he completes his theological studies. The internship requirements are that he gain experience in pastoral care, leading and planning worship services, teaching, preaching, evangelism and participation in special services and events. It also requires that I would serve as Billy's Internship Supervisor. In this role, I would be meeting with him weekly, overseeing his training and providing periodic progress reports to Niagara.

Constitutionally, approval of this internship does not require a vote of the congregation; however, the approval of Trinity members is highly recommended and desirable. It would represent an all-important recognition and legitimization of Billy's work among us as our Intern. It would also provide for a commitment on our part to be encouraging, to provide prayer support and to welcome and receive his work in ministry. Beyond all this, we can rejoice! God is at work! This is a beautiful example of how God extends His Call to raise up individuals from within the body of Christ to the ministry of Word and Sacrament. Please commit to prayer our thoughts as we look forward to our decision.

In addition to helping a Trinity brother complete his Certificate requirements, our acceptance of Billy as our Intern at Trinity is an opportunity for us to "give back" to and serve the larger church by involving ourselves in the training of one of our own

SUMMER MISSION TO MOORE, OK

by Jenny French



Maybe you have heard the buzz about our upcoming High School Student Impact Mission trip. I know our students and leaders are very excited about this summer's mission trip to Moore, OK. We will be teaming up with NEXT STEP MINISTRIES and six other LCMC churches from New Mexico, Minnesota, Colorado, Illinois and California to become a team ready to help with tornado recovery.

On May 20, 2013, a F5 tornado plundered through Moore, OK resulting in 23 deaths, 377 injuries and over \$2 billion in damages. This tornado destroyed an estimated 1,500 homes. In the aftermath, like most natural disasters, the rebuilding process can be complicated and messy: insurance money being held, FEMA money not coming through as planned, etc.

That's where NEXT STEP comes in with the help of various churches to pick up where first-response ends, partnering with families to rebuild. We will have the opportunity to work on home rebuilds and repairs including roofing, siding, flooring and dry walling. In the midst of brokenness, we will be there to share hope—the hope of Jesus Christ through taking time to listen as we serve alongside them.

This awesome opportunity will take place July 26 through August 2. Sign ups have begun and will continue thru February 10. This cut-off date is important as we need to get our Mission Team together to plan. I would like to encourage all high school students to be a part of rebuilding Moore this summer. As a faith congregation, please pray for us, our planning, our fundraising, the people of Moore and mostly our hearts and minds as we prepare for this life-changing opportunity. If you have any questions please contact Jenny at 402-564-8547.



PLACE YOUR PRAYER REQUEST HERE

This wooden box can be found in the new Prayer Room on the east counter. Write your prayer request on a note and place the note in this box. Blank note cards are also available inside the box. Each Sunday morning, the Prayer Group meets from 8:15 to 9:15 to pray for your requests, as well as, the pray requests listed in the bulletin. The Prayer Room is open to ALL members whenever the church is open. The Sunday Morning Prayer Group is open to everyone. Join them!



Faith Into Action!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Work Day

Work Day: **Saturday, February 1, 2014**

Time: **7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Address: **1465 45th Avenue**

- 15 Volunteers needed - half or full day
- Lunch will be provided at the site.
- Jobs: Indoor jobs - drywall, trim and painting

A sign-up sheet is at Grand Central or contact Lorie Young at 402-562-6672.

2013 TRINITY ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND

Your contributions to the Endowment Trust Fund add greatly to the work here at Trinity. Gifts are accepted anytime in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Names of those being memorialized are listed in the 2013 Trinity's Annual Report. THANK YOU for your contributions for the **year ending 2013**.

Mavis Applegate	Delmar & JoAnn Kozek
Bernetta Berlin	Harvey & Alta Nauenburg
Couple's Bridge Marathon	Doug Nelson
Mike & Doris Cerny	Dale & Marilyn Plugge
Rex & Lisa Davies	Rod & Sue Rinne
Sam & Anita Drinnin	Leon & Barb Sanders
Dennis & Donna Dubsy	Patty Swirczek
Leon & Dorothy Ebel	Connie Tabler
Kay Ferris	Alice Woodard
Bill & Rita Ingold	Tom & Karen Zimmerman
Estate of David Johnson	

IN LOVING MEMORY

Your contributions to **TRINITY'S MEMORIAL FUND** are greatly appreciated. Gifts are accepted at any time in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Names of those being memorialized are listed in Trinity's Annual Report. THANK YOU for your contribution to the Memorial Fund in the **Fourth Quarter of 2013**.

Rogene Anderson	Lon & Sandra Jochens
Larry & Jean Andreason	Marlin & Judy Johannes
Gale & Deanna Barnes	Marilyn Klug
Bob & Sharon Becker	Larry & Carolyn Lueschen
Kay Berg	Jim & Glenda Lundstrom
Robert & Joyce Cothorn	Richard & LoJean Morgan
Lyle & Pat Ernst	Larry & Bernie Muhle
Keith & Denise Gilmore	Harvey & Alta Nauenburg
Stan & Shirley Gottschall	Doug & Janet Spale
Darrell & LaVonne Grassmeyer	Ron & RaeAnn Went
Wayne & Dianne Hellbusch	Tom & Karen Zimmerman
Bill & Rita Ingold	

Trinity Kids' Ministries



February 2014

by Glenda Lundstrom

Parents: For more information, updates, *parent links* with teachable moments, parenting tips and the latest media info, check out trinitykidsandteens.com.

ALL STARS EXPRESS: Sunday mornings **9:30-10:15 am**
Age 3-Grade 6 **GUESTS WELCOME - BRING YOUR FRIENDS!**

What's up with Breakout 6th Grade?

The 6th graders are now in their fourth year of Breakout and focusing on learning ways to share the gospel. Currently, the students are working on their own personal testimonies. It is so helpful to have past Breakout *students* like Baylee Barcel and Colin Kruse return as Breakout *student leaders* to encourage the kids to live out their faith.

The class is planning to serve the Orphan Grain Train, an organization that provides relief for human need worldwide. Mercy Meals is another worldwide mission they will serve. You can help support the efforts of these young people by purchasing a ticket for the soup-supper fundraiser.

BREAKOUT SOUP SUPPER WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

5:15-6:20 pm - Before Worship

Tickets \$6 (up to 3 yrs free)

Grand Central weekends

Church Office weekdays

Begin selling Feb. 16

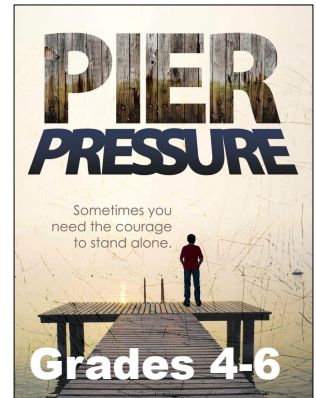
No tickets sold at the door



Sunday Mornings In "The Edge"

PIER PRESSURE

This ten-week series is aimed at helping students not just cope with but *overcome* the difficulty of negative peer pressure in their lives. The series was shot at San Clemente Pier in California and captures the importance of having a deep foundation in Christ as the pressure of life's waves crash against us.



We will be using 1 Corinthians 15:33 as a foundation to build upon: *Do not be misled: Bad company corrupts good character.* We take a look at five characters in the Old and New Testaments- two who stood strong in the face of peer pressure and three who had a momentary lapse in judgment and buckled under the peer pressure facing them.

Rockingmusic, faith building lessons and leaders that love these kids. It is a great place to be on Sunday morning *and a great place to bring your friends!*

First Communion 2014

These fifth grade young people, with their parents, participated in classes with Pastor White to learn about the sacrament of Holy Communion and its benefits for us. Ordinary bread and wine becomes a meal of grace!

Standing: Jake Rahtz, Aubree Quast, Emmitt McMeekin, Miranda Swanson, Zack Christensen, Jacob Plugge, Anna Lindahl, Kailyn Hancock, Ashlynn Spulak, Alexis Haynes, Emilee Robak, Brenna Messersmith, Maddie Uhlig.

Kneeling: Jarek Rurup, Ben Jacobs, Riley Garrelts, Alex Larson, Jaxon Rurup. Not pictured, Jacob Guilliat.

Welcome
to the Lord's Table!



2014



Calendar

Saturday, February 1

5:30 Worship Service

Sunday, February 2

8:30 & 10:30 Worship Services

8:15 Prayer Group—Prayer Room
9:30 Education Hour
11:30 Potluck Dinner followed by the Annual Meeting

Monday, February 3

3:30 Holy Communion
Prairie Village
5:45 Jubilation Ringers
Rehearsal - Balcony

Tuesday, February 4

1:15 Prayer Shawl Ministry

Wednesday, February 5

6:30 Breakout
6:30 Plugged-In
6:30 High School Gravity
"The Well"

Friday, February 7

4:00 Student Impact High School
Dare 2 Share go to Lincoln
4:30 Student Impact Jr. High
Dare 2 Share go to Lincoln

Saturday, February 8

7:30 SAMM'S Men's Bible Study
5:30 Holy Communion
Worship Service
10:30 Student Impact Jr. High and
High School Dare to Share
Return from Lincoln

HC = HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, February 9

8:30 & 10:30 Worship Services

8:15 Prayer Group—Prayer Room
9:30 Education Hour
11:30 Missions Board Meeting

Monday, February 10

9:15 Faith Circle
5:30 KTLX Board Meeting
5:45 Jubilation Ringers
Rehearsal - Balcony
6:15 Finance Committee
7:00 Trinity Council

Tuesday, February 11

9:15 Peace Circle
7:30 Joy Circle

Wednesday, February 12

6:30 Breakout
6:30 Plugged-In
6:30 High School Gravity
"The Well"

Thursday, February 13

1:00 Piece Makers

Friday, February 14

6:30 Friday Men's Ministry

Saturday, February 15

5:30 Worship Service
6:30 Trinity Couples Valentine's
Dinner at Dusters

Sunday, February 16

8:30 & 10:30 Worship Services

8:15 Prayer Group—Prayer Room
9:30 Education Hour

Monday, February 17

3:30 Holy Communion
Golden Living Place
5:45 Jubilation Ringers
Rehearsal - Balcony
7:00 All Committee Night

Wednesday, February 19

6:30 Breakout
6:30 Plugged-In
6:30 High School Gravity
"The Well"

Thursday, February 20

1:00 Piece Makers

Friday, February 21

6:30 Friday Men's Leaders Meeting

Saturday, February 22

7:30 SAMM's Men's Bible Study
5:30 Holy Communion
Worship Service

Sunday, February 23

8:30 & 10:30 Holy Communion Worship Services

8:15 Prayer Group—Prayer Room
9:30 Education Hour

Monday, February 24

5:45 Jubilation Ringers
Rehearsal - Balcony

Wednesday, February 26

6:30 Breakout
6:30 Plugged-In
6:30 High School Gravity
"The Well"

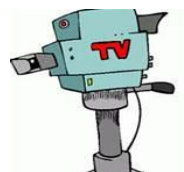
Friday, February 28

6:30 Friday Men's Ministry
11:45 NAOMI's Columbus
Senior Center

WORSHIP SERVICE BROADCAST

KTLX 91.9 FM: Saturday - 5:30 p.m. ♦ Sundays - 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. live broadcast.

CABLE TELEVISION: Worship Service Rebroadcast ... one week delay on Columbus Cable TV
Channel 13: Saturday at 2 p.m. ♦ Sunday at 6 p.m. ♦ Monday at 11 a.m.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1st

Levi Drummond
James Novak
Jeff Zysset

2nd

Dianne McDuffee
Helen Neemeyer
Robert Perkins
Carolee Wurdeman

3rd

Kobe Ackerson
Valerie Brown
Travis Hammer
Ronald Lee

4th

Greg Johnson
Jim Kamrath



5th

Vencen Ackerson
Chaquoya Givens
Louis Peach
Tim Talbott
Pam Yates

6th

Ryan Bakersfield
Marla Benson
Beverly Bernt
Lisa Davies
Jenn Gelster
Robert Gerber
Barb Sanders

7th

Nick Barcel
Seth Derochie
Tina Hollis
Jenna Robak
Robert Shaw
Tim Woodworth
Nathan Wragge

8th

Lisa Ahlstrom
Hailee Stover
Alyce Vetick

9th

Nichole Faltys
Madie Moeller

10th

Camille Czapl
Evelyn Franzen
Jaiden Lewis
Connie Mickey
Kylie Penfield

11th

Bev Alm
Brenda Bice
Bill Jackson
Merle Johannes
Ben Johnson
Carla Leslie
LaVonne Stone

12th

Jerilyn Diamond
Jeanette Kamm
Christie Stubbett

13th

Ronald Kaspar

14th

Lanny Moser
Jake Rahtz



15th

Madison Burke
Landon Christensen
Deb Koch
Fred Neemeyer
Richard Rahrs
Jim Wiese

16th

Racheal Mann
Dylan Quast
Kobe Suhr



17th

Megan Arasmith
Jeff Johannes
Nicholas Schademann

18th

Keith Gilmore
Bill Nickeson
Tyler Ueding

19th

Marie Albracht
Jaci Behlen
Dillon Hall
Sara Henke
Larry Muhle
Nicole Penfield
Michael Sloup

20th

Bob Blum
Jerry Hammer
Collette Zakrzewski

21st

Andrea Micek
Travis Schultz
Miranda Smith

22nd

Cletus Arasmith
Eric Bice
Bernice Busteed
Jeff Ciurej
Leah Finocy
Kendall Heidemann
Lee Hueschen
Tim Reimer
Randy Schaefer
Morgan Stover

23rd

Mary Ainars
Jessica Loveless
Brittany Penne
Cade Preister
Lillian Schroeder
Marva Van Velkinburgh

24th

Lee Benson
Reeyce Mueller
Blake Munson
Clayton Rodehorst
Lonny Schaad

25th

Rogene Anderson
Jean Andreasen
Bob Hurner
Erik Klutman
Deb Olson
Tristan Reimer
Kendall Vrba

26th

Andrew Kallweit
Megan Lamb
JoAnn Mueller
Matthew Mueller
Steve Woodside

27th

David Anderson
Kathleen Brestel
Max Carnes
Patricia Jeffryes

28th

Jeslyn Aldrich
Brian Andreasen
Gene Coufal
Noah Edwards
Tagan Largis

29th

Joseph Plugge

Birthday Blessings to All!