

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**AUGUST 30/31, 2025**



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Church Office Hours: Monday through Thursday: 9:30 am till 4:00 pm

## **TODAY'S WORSHIP**

**WELCOME!** We worship in the name of God, creator and protector of all; and of Jesus, our Savior and friend; and of the Holy Spirit, our comforter and guide. Amen.

**INVITED AND INVITING** – that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ's banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

**WORSHIP BEGINS** in our gathering. Please enjoy greeting and conversation in the Narthex, and respect those who have entered the Sanctuary to pray, meditate, and listen to the prelude with silence and an atmosphere of reverence and peace as we all prepare to hear God's word.

**HEARING ASSISTANCE** devices are available; please ask an usher for help.

**THE BLUE WELCOME PAD** in the pew rack is our record of your attendance and communion (or you may leave a message for Pastor Grube, note a new address or phone number). Please take a moment to complete it.

**LEAVING THE SANCTUARY** during worship, please use the side doors with the panic bar latches; they open and close silently. **TURNING OFF** cell phone and other electronic devices is greatly appreciated.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** for September 6/7: Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Psalm 1, Philemon 1-21, Luke 14:25-33.

**IF YOU'D LIKE** someone's name to be added to our prayer list spoken in worship and printed in the bulletin, please be sure to contact the church office or complete the prayer request card on the table in the Narthex before worship. Cards added after worship will be included in the following week's prayer list. In either case you will continue to have the opportunity to say aloud or remember silently that person's name during the intercessory prayers.

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## GATHERING

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*PLEASE NOTE: Parts of this service are omitted for Saturday's worship.*

**PRELUDE**

*O God beyond All Praising*

Paul D. Weber

**BELL, WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Stand as you are able to face the font for the confession.*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Merciful God,

**you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Heal us, break our bonds, and lead us on the path of life. Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of + Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

**Amen.**

*Stand as you are able for the hymn.*

**GATHERING HYMN # 880** *O God beyond All Praising*

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble.

Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Sit.*

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## WORD

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## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### FIRST READING

**Proverbs 25:6-7**

*The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leader and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.*

A reading from Proverbs:

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 112

*Spoken responsively by whole verse by the lector and congregation.*

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Happy are they who <sup>1</sup> fear the LORD  
and have great delight in <sup>1</sup> God's commandments!

<sup>2</sup>**Their descendants will be mighty <sup>1</sup> in the land;  
the generation of the upright <sup>1</sup> will be blessed.**

<sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches will be <sup>1</sup> in their house,  
and their righteousness will <sup>1</sup> last forever.

<sup>4</sup>**Light shines in the darkness <sup>1</sup> for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and full <sup>1</sup> of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup>It is good for them to be gener- <sup>1</sup> ous in lending  
and to manage their af- <sup>1</sup> fairs with justice.

<sup>6</sup>**For they will nev- <sup>1</sup> er be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept in everlast- <sup>1</sup> ing remembrance.**

<sup>7</sup>They will not be afraid of any <sup>1</sup> evil rumors;  
their heart is steadfast, trusting <sup>1</sup> in the LORD.

<sup>8</sup>**Their heart is established and <sup>1</sup> will not shrink,  
until they see their desire up- <sup>1</sup> on their enemies.**

<sup>9</sup>They have given freely to the poor,  
and their righteousness stands <sup>1</sup> fast forever;  
they will hold up their <sup>1</sup> head with honor.

<sup>10</sup>**The wicked will see it and be angry;  
they will gnash their teeth and <sup>1</sup> pine away;  
the desires of the wick- <sup>1</sup> ed will perish.**

## SECOND READING

**Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16**

*The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.*

A reading from Hebrews:

Let mutual affection continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being

tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.” So we can say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?” Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand as you are able to welcome the gospel.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL

**Luke 14:1, 7-14**

*Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God's gracious hospitality to those in need.*

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit.*

**SERMON**

*Stand as you are able for the Hymn.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY #651** *Oh, Praise the Gracious Power*

**[SATURDAY VERSES 1-5]**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, let us pray for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say* Peace be with you *or similar words.*



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## MEAL

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### OFFERTORY #182

*Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

### OFFERING PRAYER

*The assisting minister leads the prayer.*

Let us pray.

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

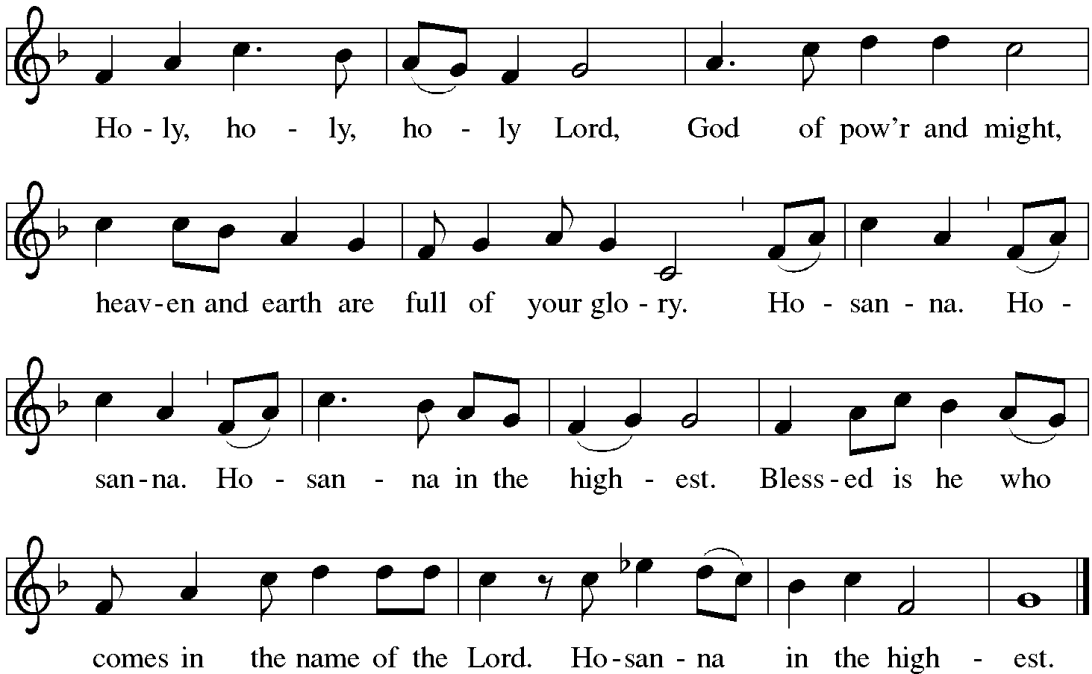
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The presiding minister continues:*

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . .

*Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding:*

. . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

We give you thanks, Father,...both now and forever.

**Amen.**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **COMMUNION**

The Kingdom of God is set before you. Come, eat, and rejoice.

*The bread is broken for the communion and the assembly is seated. Online worshipers receive the word, The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.*

*We invite you to come forward to stand on the floor at the predella step beginning with the person seated closest to the ambo. The communion ministers will come to you, beginning with the bread. Then, take an empty glass from the tray to be filled with wine from the pouring chalice or a prefilled glass of juice for those who cannot or prefer not to receive wine. When you have communed, return to your seat by the opposite end.*

*We invite all Baptized Christians and those who commune in their own churches to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Small children and those not communing may come forward for a blessing. If you are unable to come forward to receive Holy Communion, please inform an usher or neighbor of your desire to commune so they can inform the communion ministers, and they will bring the sacrament to you in your seat.*

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say,*

**The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
and each person may respond Amen.**

*During the distribution, Lamb of God is sung:*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Stand as you are able.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The assisting minister leads the prayer.*

Let us pray.

Loving God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

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## SENDING

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*The service concludes with the blessing and the dismissal.*

### BLESSING

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit + bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN #716** *Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace*

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God!**

### POSTLUDE

Fanfare and Trumpet Tune on  
*Oh, Praise the Gracious Power*

Wayne L. Wold

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## SERVING AS WORSHIP LEADERS

Greeter:	Bill Peiffer
Acolyte:	Volunteer Needed
Assisting Minister &	
Lector:	Gail Smallwood
Communion Bread:	Martha Kush
Saturday Altar Set Up:	Cookie Fetterman
Sunday Altar Clean Up:	Gail Smallwood
Minister of Technology:	Marissa Miller

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God, in Memory of Jan Martinchak, by Gene Martinchak.

**WE REJOICE** with Ryan and Clara Orgitano on the birth of their son, Henry James, 7 lbs. 13 oz., 20 ½ inches long, on Tuesday, August 26. Henry joins his sister, Viola, and the proud grandparents are Pastor and Jean Grube.

**WE REJOICE** with Adam O'Brien and Anna Ivasyshyna on their marriage this weekend at St. Paul's. We pray for God's blessings as they begin their married life together.

**SPCA COLLECTION** – Once again, St. Paul's will be celebrating all our non-human friends and family members and asking God to bless each and every one of them, and in fact, all of God's creatures. In celebration of this event and to assist our local animal rescue shelter, we are again collecting items on their wish list. Now underway and culminating at the Blessing of the Animals service scheduled for Saturday September 27, the following items are being collected:

Canned Cat Food (Pate)	Dry Kitten Chow
Canned Dog Food	Cat Litter (Clay, Non-Clumping)
Cat Toys & Scratchers	Kong Toys for Dogs
Small Cat Beds	Cat & Dog Treats
Paper Towels	Toilet Paper
Dish Soap	Laundry Detergent
Bleach, Windex, Clorox Wipes	Latex / Non-Latex Gloves (all sizes)
Drawstring Tall Kitchen Trash Bags	
Gift Cards for Petco or Pet Supplies Plus	
Rubbing Alcohol / Peroxide	Towels & Washcloths

If you have other items that you would like to donate, but do not see on the list, please contact Ray Mancke at 570.430.8639. There is a table with an SPCA display located in the Narthex.

**MUSIC GROUPS MEETING:** Margaret Quintanar, director of music and organist, is inviting everyone interested in singing with the adult choir and playing chimes in the chimes choir to gather for a conversation about new ideas for the church's music ministry. The meeting will be held in October following worship (date TBA). Please watch the bulletin for the meeting date.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ACT OF KINDNESS:** Please bring personal hygiene products to church to benefit residents at Pyramid. St Paul's Sunday School will be packing bags of products on Rally Day as a service project. Please bring items before September 7. Items needed are toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, shampoo, combs, brushes, chap stick and hand lotion.

**NEW COLLECTION FOR PYRAMID:** Pyramid Health is in immediate need of donated men's socks as well as shorts and shirts in sizes large and extra-large, and also has one client who needs sneakers in men's size 9.5. If you have any sneakers or clothing to donate, please bring them to the church and place them in the Pyramid basket in the church hallway. Thank you!

**READY FOR** a great meal and lots of fellowship? A Brotherhood Roast Beef Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, September 13; tickets (available at the door) are \$15.00 adults/\$5.00 for children under 12. Take-outs begin at 3:30 pm and dinner is served beginning at 4:00 pm. Invite family members and friends too. The sign-up poster for volunteers to help with the meal is located in the Narthex.

**HARVEST HOME SERVICES** (September 13/14). During worship on this weekend, we will focus on the bounty God provides us from the field and orchard, and the rich harvest of that bounty for our health and well-being. The Social Ministry Committee will be focusing on assisting the Back Mountain Food Pantry with special items noted each of the four weeks leading up to Harvest Home. Below are the requested items for the week of:

August 30/31 – Canned meat (Stew, Tuna, Salmon, Chicken, Spam, etc.)

September 6/7 – Cereal (Pancake/Waffle Mix, Syrup, Pop Tarts, etc.)

September 13/14 – Pasta (Rice, Mac & Cheese, Spaghetti/Sauce, etc.)

There is a special collection point in the Narthex for your donations, and thank you for your continued support of all the Social Ministry projects.

**BIBLE STUDY RESUMES** – Tuesday, September 9, from 10:30 to 11:30 am.

There is no requirement for reading ahead, though the readings are printed each week in the bulletin if you'd like to read them. There are no tests, right or wrong answers (or questions), or outside research, just conversation about a reading we all hear together. All are welcome to attend.

**HEALING SERVICE** – A joint service of healing will be held with Prince of Peace Episcopal Church on Wednesday, September 10, beginning at 7:00 pm. There will be an acknowledgement for the need of healing of all kinds in our lives: physical, emotional, spiritual, and mental. All who feel a need for healing or those who wish to gather to pray for healing for others are all invited to attend.

**THE RETIRED RAMBLERS** will meet for breakfast at the Lakeside Skillet in Harvey's Lake on Thursday, September 11, at 8:32 am.

**SEPTEMBER BRUNCH** – a 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary fundraiser – to be held at Irem Country Club at 11:00 am on Sunday, September 21 (no Sunday School), cost \$32.00 per person. Checks should be made payable to St. Paul's and must be paid by September 14. Payment envelopes are available on the sign-up poster and may be placed in the offering plate. Proceeds to benefit Pastor's Helping Hand Fund.

### **THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S**

Today:	9:30 am Worship
	10:45 am 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Meeting
Monday:	Church Closed—Labor Day
Tuesday:	11:00 am Card Group
	7:00 pm Council Meeting
Thursday:	10:00 am Alzheimer's Support Group
Saturday:	5:30 pm Worship
Sunday:	9:30 am Worship – “God's Work. Our Hands” Sunday
	10:45 am Sunday School Rally Day



**PRAYER LIST** - Please remember to ask permission from the person you are placing on the prayer list. **Pray for the Congregations of Good Shepherd, Wilkes-Barre and Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, Dallas.**

**Pray for those suffering illness:** *Members:* Chris Bellezza, Annie & Marty Bisher, Mary Lou Button, Pam Cyphers, Margaret Edwards, Cheryl Everhart, Sandi Fassett, Marge Fritzinger, Morgan Holbrook, Robert Kline, June Lorah, Pat Peiffer, Rachelle Pryor, Wally Richardson, Greta Ruckno, Carol Swanson, Jack Traver, Anita Weiss, Geri Williams, Peter & Carol Wittkamp, Alyson Wood, Shirley Zimmerman.

**Please note:** Those people listed as Family and Friends will be listed here for a four-week period. Please contact the church office at 570-675-3859 or [stpaul@epix.net](mailto:stpaul@epix.net) if you desire a name to remain on the list beyond that time.

***Family & Friends:*** Robert Binger, Michael Bowanko, Judy C., Marjorie Catania, Paul Davis, Janice DeFebo, John Diel, Manfred Diel, Denise Ekdahl, Grace Sunglee Emmett, Karen Evanish, John Fisher, Thomas Fortner, Rich Fufaro, Nancy & Christopher Gillies, Jenny Graveira, Jenn Hubbard, Joe Hudak, Pam Husted, Mike Iannuzzi, Christine Ide, Michael Kaminski, Joe Kerestes, Bradley Kessler, Elsie Kosmach, Rebecca & Ryan Kozloski, Alice Laskowski, Lindsey Lattari, Kevin Loeffler, Carol Marker, Sue & Dan McConnell, Dwight McKee, Bryant Mesick, Rob Merritt, Betty Jane Mokychic, Patty N., Tim Nulton, Helen O'Brien, Peg O'Brien, Alice O'Neil, Megan Sheehan Palmer, Ryleigh Phillips, Paul Pryor, Toni Quinn, Febe Quintanar, Robin Rosencrans, John Roushey, Lisa Rowe, Lloyd and Bonnie Ryman, Nancy Shymanski, Debbie Smith, Gloria Smith, Mark Sokolowski, Sandy Sprau, Sandra Stankiewicz, Joe Stephanovich, Stevens Family, Lori Strobel, Benjamin Szostak, Abigail Thomas, Arnold Thompson, Judi Vietz and family, Jere Vietz, Karen Wise, Frank and Cheryl Wright, Peg Wyda, Mary Z., Paul Zawadzki, Ashley, Bethann, Bruce, Keith, Diane, Mary, Rosemary, Morgan, Lori, Greg, Justin, Jim, Megan, April, Connie, Jill, Henry, Denny, Kara, Becky, Danny (no last names given).