



**Christmas Eve 2021
Holy Eucharist, Rite II
10:00pm**



The family of St. Paul's welcomes you to this service of thanksgiving and celebration of the birth of our most Blessed Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Everyone is welcome to receive Communion in this church regardless of denomination or church affiliation. If you do not wish to receive Communion you are still welcome to come to the altar during Communion time for a blessing. You may indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

It is appropriate and permissible especially during COVID to skip consumption of the wine.



*St. Paul's is a loving family united in the ministry of Jesus Christ;
worshiping, learning, and serving together in the Episcopal tradition*

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“The Prelude is a call to silent personal preparation for worship”

Harp Prelude Nancy Lendrim

Organ Prelude Il est ne’ arr. Diane Bish

Processional Hymn *“O come, all ye faithful”*[83]

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come, and behold him, born the King of angels;

Refrain: O come, let us adore him (x 3), Christ the Lord.

2. God from God, Light from Light eternal,
lo! he abhors not the Virgin’s womb;
only-begotten Son of God the Father; **(Refrain)**

3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God, glory in the highest; **(Refrain)**

5. Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,
we would embrace thee, with love and awe;
who would not love thee, loving us so dearly? **(Refrain)**

6. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; **(Refrain)**

Priest: Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be for all people. For you is born this night, in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

People: Behold the tabernacle of God is with His people, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His, and God shall be with them, and be their God.

The Collect for Purity

Priest: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Gloria S280

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect for Christmas

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Word of God

The Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7 [555]

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness-- on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Priest: The Word of the Lord.
 People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 96 *Cantante Domino*..... [BCP 727]

Jane Weber

Sing to the lord a new song sing to the lord all the whole earth

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Sing to the lord and bless his name Pro- claim the good news_ from_ day to day

1 Declare His glory among the nations
 His wonders among all peoples.
 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
 He is more to be feared than all gods. (*Refrain*)

2 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
 It's the Lord who made the heavens and the earth
 Oh the power and splendor of His sanctuary! (*Refrain*)

3 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples;
 Ascribe to the Lord His power.
 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due His Name;
 Bring offerings and come into His courts. (*Refrain*)

4 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
The whole earth trembles before Him
Tell it out among the nations, the Lord is King!
He will judge the peoples with equity. **(Refrain)**

5 Let the heavens rejoice; let the earth be glad.
Let the sea and fields shout for joy.
He will judge the world with righteousness
And the peoples with His truth. **(Refrain)**

Second Lesson: Titus 2:11-14.....[969]

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Priest: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn: “Angels We Have Heard on High..... [H96]

1 Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night,
and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.

Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo.

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did
you hear? (Refrain)

3 Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
(Refrain)

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according
to Luke.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

The Holy Gospel: Luke 2:1-14 (15-20).....[832]

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see -- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon..... The Rev. Dr. J. Paul Board

The Nicene Creed..... [BCP 358]

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People - Form IV.....[B.C.P. 388]

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

(Intercessions from the congregation are encouraged)

The Confession of Sin.....[B.C.P. 360]

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole

heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name.
Amen.

Priest: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: *And also with you.*

The Holy Communion

Offertory "*The First Noel Pachelbel's Canon*" (arr. Michael Clawson)

Adult Choir & harp

The Doxology *Tune of "Lasst uns erfreuen"* [Hymnal 618]

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia. Alleluia. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A.....[BCP 361]

Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: *And also with you.*
Priest: Lift up your hearts.
People: *We lift them to the Lord.*
Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Priest: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was

made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Priest & People.....[S128]

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Priest: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Priest: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace;

and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread[Hymnal S154]

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Priest: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn “*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*” [89]

1 It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven’s all
gracious King.” The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the
angels sing.

2 Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings
unfurled, and still their heavenly music floats o’er all the weary
world; above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o’er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

4 For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever circling years shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and all the world give back the song which now the angels sing

Communion Hymn “*What Child Is This*” [115]

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest on Mary’s lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain: This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

2 Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. **(Refrain)**

3 So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king to own him; The King of Kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him. **(Refrain)**

Communion Hymn “*In the Bleak Midwinter*”[H112]

1 In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.

2 Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign:
in the bleak midwinter a stable-place sufficed
the Lord God incarnate, Jesus Christ.

3 What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him - give my heart.

The Post Communion Prayer.....[BCP 366]

Priest: Let us pray.

All: Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

(All light their candles.)

Hymn of Thanksgiving “Silent Night” [111]

- 1 Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright,
round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and
mild, sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.
- 2 Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Al-le-lu-ia;
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior is born!
- 3 Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love’s pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace.
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

(Please extinguish your candles.)

The Blessing

Priest: May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who cares over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Recessional Hymn “Joy to the World” [100]

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King! Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love, and wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.

Dismissal

Priest: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.

“Jubilate, Servite”

(Trans: *“Rejoice in the Lord all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness.”*)

Canon - (2 Voices)

Joyfully ♩ = 84

Ju - bi - la - te . . .

Ju - bi - la - te De - o om - nis ter - ra. Ser - vi - te

Do - mi - no in lae - ti - ti - a. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, in lae - ti - ti -

a. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, in lae - ti - ti - a! D.C.

Postlude “Toccata” on Angels We Have Heard On High”
arr. Mathew Corl

All are invited to join in singing the Hallelujah Chorus with the choir. Music is available at the organ.

Hallelujah Chorus from ‘Messiah’Handel

10:00PM SERVICE LEADERS

Officiant: The Rev. Dr. J. Paul Board
Director of Music Brad Cresswell
Organist Jane Weber
Harpist Nancy Lendrim
Chalice Will Robinson
Lector(s) Jennifer Elliott
Ushers & Greeters Baumgartner Family

Intercessions

Birthdays

Leah Adams, Jaimie Deye, Milli Mills

Anniversaries

Dan & Lori Lawrence

Continued Prayers

Joanne Shue, Gloria Allen, Ruth Ann Waniewski,
Carole Kiroff, Mary Sabin, Gloria Allen,
John Adam Tallman

Military

Captain Matthew Swiergosz, Sgt. Valerie Warren,
Sgt. Jason Warren, Pvt. Max Elliott, SSGT Sean Stuart,
LC Will Kenyon, TSgt Kenny Dupre, A1C Gage Graham

Announcements

Feed My Starving Children

Registration is open for Mobile Meal Pack with Feed My Starving Children. The meal pack is scheduled for January 13-15 at Wayne Trail Elementary school in Maumee. Check the church website for more information.

January Flower Openings

Please reach out to Claudia Stein if interested
Altar: 1/30, Chancel: 1/9 (1); 1/16 (1); 1/23 (1) and 1/30 (2)

WGTE Christmas and the King of Instruments



December 26th at 7PM set your DVR to record the program because it will not be available on our parish website.

Featuring performances & back stage tours.

Sunday School

There will be no Sunday school this Sunday.

Bible study

There will be no bible study this Wednesday.

Epiphany Dinner



Please visit the church website to sign-up for the dinner so we know how much food to prepare. The dinner is on January 2nd at 6pm with musical guest Kerry Patrick Clark.

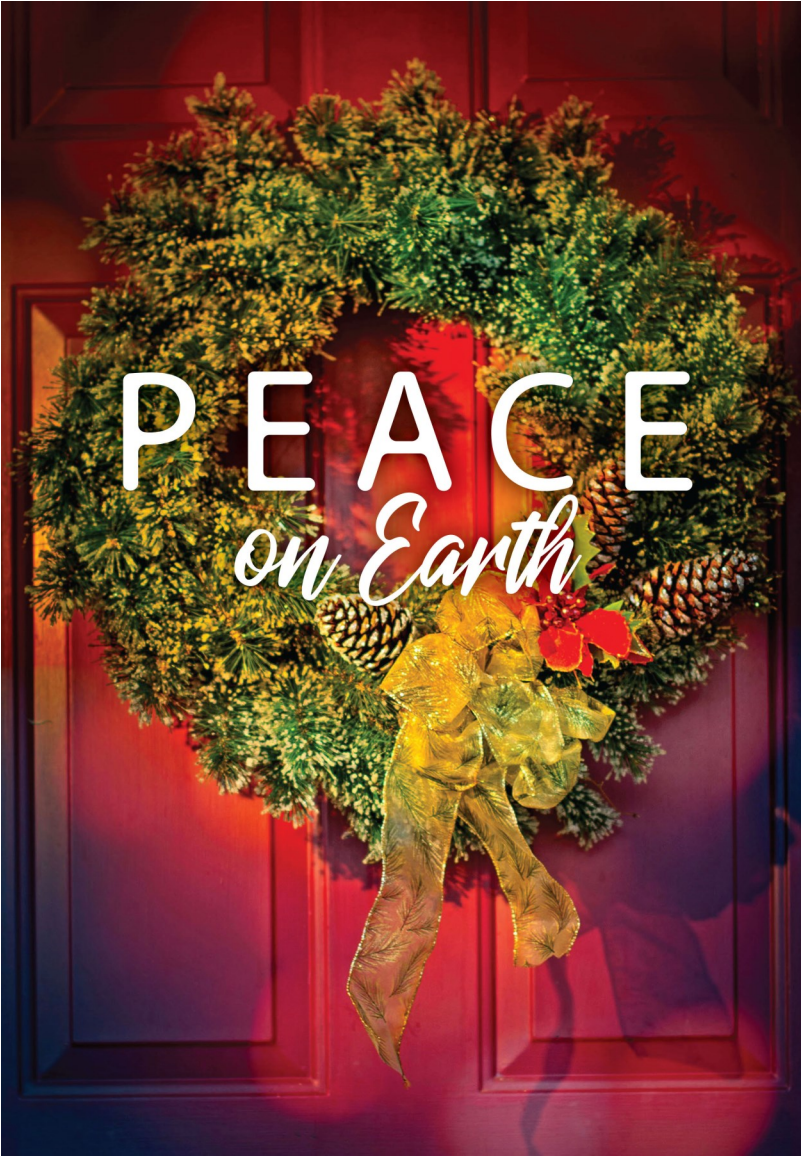


Christmas Poinsettia Donations 2021

- * In memory of John Frisch & William & Dorothy Sachs and in honor of Alvina Frisch by Dan & Carol Sachs.
- * In memory of Jack & June Cartwright & Patricia J. Garver by Sue Cohen.
- * In memory of George Doresco & Marcia Bauer by Margaret Doresco.
- * In memory of Grace & Luke Johnson & Blancher & Paul Board by John & Fran Board.
- * In honor of our grandchildren, Jaylee & Adilyn Bernath, Xavier and Pax Ahern by Anne & Jim Galindo.
- * In memory of William Riffer & William Blanchard by Dave & Sherry Riffer.
- * In memory of departed loved ones Hannaford & Cousino by pam & Brent Cousino.
- * In memory of Mary & Wayne Hutchinson and Clarice & Harry Weeks.
- * In memory of Walt & Evelyn Mayo by Chas Mayo.
- * In memory of Jerry & Carolyn Skiver by Dewayne & Jennifer Perry.
- * In memory of family members who have passed and are missed especially today. In honor of Stratton Radel, Dylan Raymond Smith, & Logan Gillen on their first Christmas by Kathy Greene.

- * In memory of Glen & Lil Liebherr and Father Malcom McClenaghan by Glenous Favata.
- * In memory of Matthew Granzow; Shari DuPraw-Navin; Ashley & Mary DuPraw; Ervin Granzow; Lois Granzow; Harry Brace; and in honor of Jeff, Candy & Agnes Granzow; Katie, Blake, & Steven Peters by Dennis & Kathi Granzow.
- * In memory of Randy Deye, Bud McNaull, & Aggie McNaull by Macie Turnwald.
- * In memory of the Rev. Howard and marge Graham by Jane Weber.
- * In memory of Bill Asendorf, John & Virginia McCrackin, & Rev. Albert & Ruth Asendorf. In honor of Both Board families by Joanie Asendorf.
- * In memory of Lamb Guyton Stout & Prue & Ted Lamb by Priscilla & Fred Schwier.
- * In memory of Irwin E. Nolte, Elsie Seymour, Henry T. Lippert, Ernest L. Lippert, Sr. Dorothy M. Lippert, Eleanor Nolte by Ernest & Judy Lippert.
- * In memory of Carleton & Dorothy Finkbeiner by Carty Finkbeiner.





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