

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Since Kelly Rodger's resignation and departure mid-July, the CY&F Committee has been working hard to ensure a smooth transition into fall activities.

Members of this committee include Jen DeBaillie (Chair), Jill Dohnal, Paige Hawkins, Scott Herkert, Shana Longley, Sue Martin Zernicke, Peter Narum, Holly Parker, and Kim Sorbet.

From the discussion in this committee, a "Sunday School Working Group" has formed to oversee the Sunday School program for this fall during this interim time between staff members. These members include Jen DeBaillie, Paige Hawkins, Holly Parker, and Laura Smith. They have been meeting regularly and things are in place for the Sunday School program which begins September 18.

Pastor Billings is currently overseeing the confirmation program. Middle School and High School fall events are yet to be planned. Discussions for programming possibilities involving youth and parents will begin soon (until that time, there are no High School breakfasts or Wednesday gatherings scheduled.)

Over the next few months, the CY&F Committee will be preparing a strategic plan from which a position description will emerge for staffing, subject to Council approval. During this time we will also be meeting with youth and parents and other members to hear your ideas to help shape a vibrant ministry of faith formation for all generations in the congregation.

This is an exciting time at St. James for these ministries, and we welcome your support, your input and, most of all, your prayers.

— Jen DeBaillie & Peter Narum



LOOKING AHEAD

Mark Your Calendars

August 28

Semi -Annual Meeting

September 18

Bible Presentation to 3-year olds
Sunday School &
Confirmation classes begin

September 22–28

Member Photos will be taken for
our new Photo Directory.

*Sign up online
or in the Narthex each Sunday*

October 4

New Member Dinner at 6:00 pm

**Oktoberfest, October 8th
@ 5:00 pm**

Join us for worship with the Bob
Klinger Band at 5:00 pm
followed by an
Oktoberfest meal at 6:00 pm.

*Tickets will be available starting
September 18th for \$15.*

FROM THE PASTOR...

EINSTEIN, DARWIN, BLACK HOLES, EVOLUTION, AND GOD

It may seem strange to see all these listed together. For some in our society, religion and science are at odds and cannot be reconciled. I don't happen to share that view. While there are some loud voices shouting from the extremes edges of both sides of the issue, religion vs. science, science vs. religion, there are many more intelligent people, speaking in quieter tones, who see no essential conflict between the religious and the scientific.

One such person is John Polkinghorne, who for many years was a distinguished physicist at Cambridge. In 1974, he was named a Fellow of the Royal Society, the scientific academy to which Isaac Newton, Charles Darwin, and

Stephen Hawking have also all been admitted. Then, at the age of 49, in his pursuit of truth, he decided to go to Seminary and study theology. Polkinghorne wrote, "Both science and religion are needed to interpret and understand the rich, varied, and surprising way the world actually is."

Another person is Paul Wallace, who recently wrote the book Stars Beneath Us. Paul received his PhD in experimental nuclear physics' from Duke University. Years later, he too went to Seminary to study theology. Now an ordained minister, he continues to teach science, but does not see a conflict between his life of faith and his understanding of the way in which the world works. Wallace writes, "Between the extremes is a broad field occupied by those who wish to reconcile religion and science...many in the middle have labored honorably to bring these two

great ways of knowing together, and seeing how neither science nor religion is going anywhere soon, I believe the future belongs to them."

This Fall, starting in October, our Sunday Morning Conversations will be devoted to the topic of Science and Religion. We will explore Einstein's understanding of God, Darwin's view of evolution, how a scientist can pray, and St. Augustine's view of time and eternity. Furthermore, we will see how science and religion are not incompatible. I hope you will join us.

— Pastor Kurt



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SUMMER WORSHIP

Saturday - 5:00 pm • Sunday - 9:00 am

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday — 8 am to 4 pm
Wednesday & Friday — 8 am to 12 noon

STAFF

Kurt Billings, Pastor	Cell: 235-8122
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Barb Roberts	Office Assistant
Paulette Spoon	Adult Choir & Handbell Choir
Susan Bubolz	Youth Choir Director
Rhonda Chalone Marilyn Doerfer,	
Alex Ford & Jim Erickson	Accompanists
Barb Rasmussen, R.N.	Parish Nurse/Visitation Coord.
Heather Pearl	Director, St. James Preschool
Lynn Hauski, Holly Parker,	
Lori Rudy & Stacy Zimmerman	St. James Preschool

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ST. JAMES PHOTO DIRECTORY/MEMBER PHOTOS TO BE TAKEN THIS YEAR

Next Session: September 22—28, 2016



We will be compiling a new photo directory of members this year because it has been five years since our last directory was produced and we have many new members. **We would like all members to have their photos taken for the directory** and there is no obligation to purchase photo packages.

Photo session signups will be available in the Narthex on Saturday and Sunday each week. The online signup is posted on the home page of our website and is open to reserve a time Monday – Friday of each week.

2017 SUMMER TRIP TO FRANCE MEETING

Sunday, September 25 at 5:00 pm

There will be a meeting on Sunday, September 25th at 5:00 pm in the library for all those interested in finding out more about the 2017 Summer Trip to France. The 12-day trip through northern France including Normandy and the Burgundy region concludes with three days in Paris. This tour also includes a private visit to the Palace of Versailles. More details and pricing will be provided at this meeting. If you are interested in this trip, please attend.

NURSERY SUPERVISOR NEEDED!

Beginning in early September, we are in need of a nursery supervisor on Sunday mornings during the worship service time. This is a paid position and typically involves working two Sunday mornings per month. Scheduling is flexible and the kids are great! If you are 17 or older and are interested in the position, or have any questions, please contact Michelle Lichty (mlichty@stjamesverona.org), Parish Administrator, or Paulette Spoon. Thank you!

THANK YOU

We want to express our sincere gratitude to the members of St. James for continued prayers and support of our family. A special thank you to Candy Feldt & the members of the Funeral committee for the lovely luncheon provided in celebration of the life of Jan Edwards. We also appreciate the help and support from Pastor Kurt in the time of loss of our sister and aunt. Marilyn LeMoine & Family

SEPTEMBER COMMUNITY MEAL

September 7, 2016 at 6:00 pm

Join us this month for fellowship and dinner at the Community Meal.

Join Us! All are Welcome!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Respectfully Submitted by Kim Feller, Treasurer

The 2016 Operating Budget approved by the congregation at the semi-annual meeting on February 7, 2016 totals \$562,500, which represents a 5.6% increase from 2015. \$532,000 of the income budget is from Operating Envelopes and/or those contributions received through Electronic Funds Transfer.

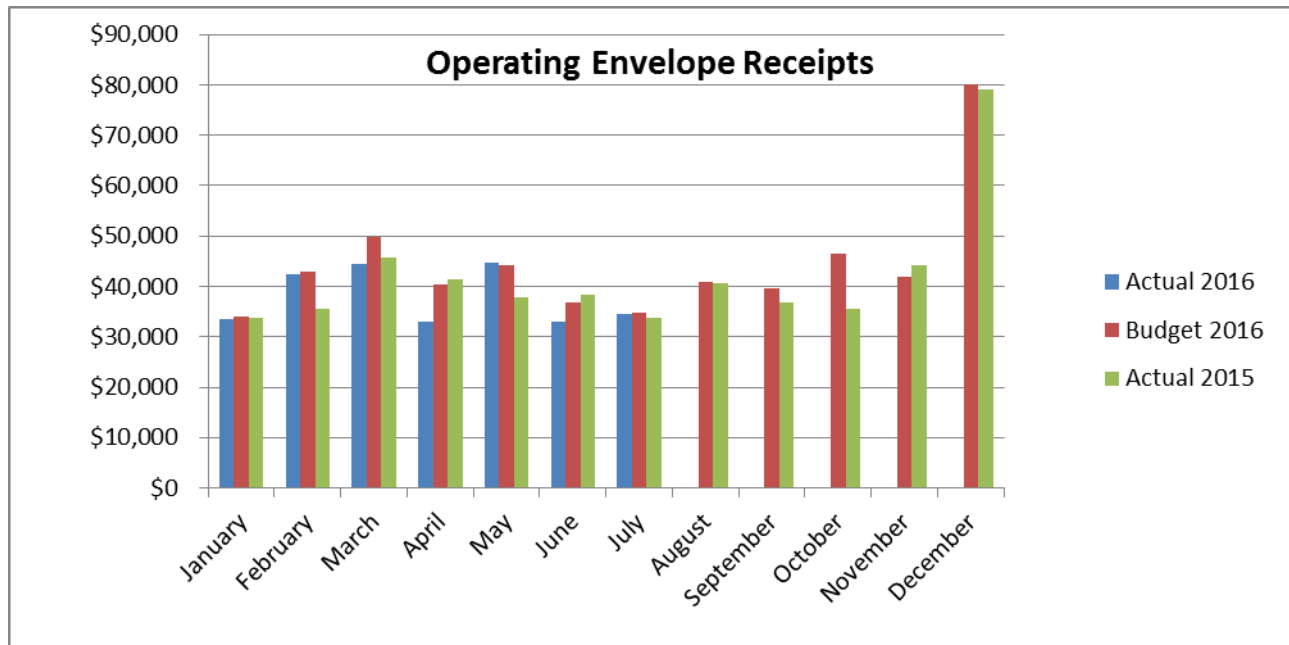
July Receipts:	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<i>Increase (Decrease) from Budget</i>	
			<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Total	\$36,873	\$36,600	\$273	.75%
Offering Envelopes	\$34,571	\$44,750	(\$179)	(.52%)

YTD Receipts	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Prior Year (P/Y)</u>
			Total
Offering Envelopes	\$265,817	\$283,000	\$266,263

YTD Receipts	<i>Increase (Decrease) from Budget</i>		<i>Increase (Decrease) from P/Y</i>	
	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent
Total	(\$15,741)	(5.3%)	(\$2,497)	(.9%)
Offering Envelopes	(\$17,183)	(6.1%)	(\$446)	(.2%)

July, 2016 Attendance:	921	July, 2015 Attendance:	731
YTD 2016 Attendance thru July:	8,801	YTD 2015 Attendance thru July:	8,305

Note that July, 2016 has 5 Sundays vs. 4 Sundays in 2015, and the YTD Attendance for 2016 has one more Sunday at this point in the calendar than the prior year.





BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

During the past few months, the conceptual design of our new building has been reviewed. The Building Committee determined that an alternative project delivery method should be pursued to better assure that the project budget would be met while delivering the church improvements that were contained in the approved concept plan. The Building Committee recommended and the Church Council approved the selection of Findorff as the construction manager/contractor. The Building Committee is currently working with Findorff and the architects on a contract.

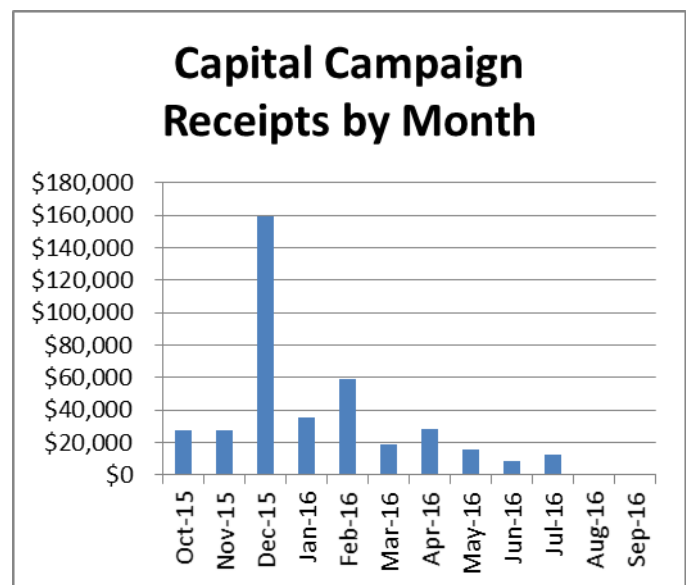
The general timeline of the building project has the design development completed by the end of August. Between August and November, the City of Verona will review and hopefully approve our design and construction plan. During this same time period, a detailed estimate of cost will be prepared by the construction manager. Between September 2016 and January 2017, construction documents will be prepared, and we will finalize a guaranteed maximum price (GMP) for the Building Project.

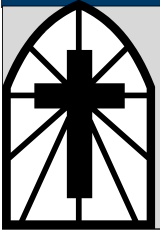
Early next year, the Congregational Council will secure interim bank financing. The financing will need to be voted on and approved by the Congregation in 2017. We plan to begin the main construction in April 2017 with completion scheduled for July 2018. Stay tuned! Things are beginning to move now!

There are updated drawings in the Narthex for you to view. We will keep the congregation updated on Sunday Mornings as details become available. Thank you for your support.

BUILDING PROJECT FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Pledges total \$1,370,000 towards the Capital Campaign goal of \$1,500,000. The estimated project cost is \$3.5 million with up to \$2.0 million financed as long-term debt. When construction is finished as planned in 2018, the debt reduction phase of the Capital Campaign will start in order to significantly pay down on the mortgage within the first three to five years after construction is completed.





CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS STARTING SEPTEMBER 18!

What's happening with Sunday School?

Sunday School at St. James will begin on September 18th with a Kick-off Family Breakfast. Children and their families are invited to share food and fellowship with the 2016-17 Sunday School teachers and volunteers right after the 8:30 worship service.

On the following week (9/25) we will host our first ever "Bring Your Grown-up to Sunday School Day." Teachers, students, and parents will have a chance to get to know each other and share what will be happening in the year ahead.

Stay tuned for more information about our plans for our "Advent Workshop" in December as well as a whole new type of Christmas Pageant.

How will registration work this year?

Registration is a bit different this year. We will have a registration table in the Narthex before or after worship on:

- August 28th (Semi-Annual Meeting is also on this day at 10:15 am.
The table will be staffed both before and after the meeting.)
- September 3rd (Before and after 5:00 pm worship)
- September 4th

If the above dates are not convenient, registration will also be available at the:

- Kick-Off Family Breakfast on September 18th

What is the cost?

Fees help us cover the cost of the curriculum and supplies. Families are asked to pay \$15 per child and may pay by check or cash. Confidential scholarships are always available.

What Sunday School options will be offered?

Play & Learn: Play-based learning for Pre-K (3's & 4's) offered at two times:

- 8:30 (begins following Children's Time in worship)
- 9:40-10:40 Sunday School Hour

Spark: Lectionary-based curriculum for 1st Grade-4th Grade

- 9:40-10:40 Sunday School Hour

Connect: Multimedia curriculum for 5th and 6th Grade

- 9:40-10:40 Sunday School Hour

Dates to know:

9/18/16	Kick-Off Family Breakfast	9:40 am — 10:40 am
9/25/16	“Bring Your Grown-Up to Sunday School Day”	9:40 am — 10:40 am
10/2/16	First day of regular Sunday School Classes. Play & Learn begins.	8:30 am — 9:30 am 9:40 am — 10:40 am
10/30/16	All Sunday School Movie Day	8:30 am — 9:30 am 9:40 am — 10:40 am
11/27/16	1st week of our 3-week Advent Workshop. Special projects and preparations for Christmas Pageant (Watch for more information regarding big changes in the pageant.)	8:30 am — 9:30 am 9:40 am — 10:40 am
12/17/16 (Saturday)	Dress-rehearsal for Christmas Pageant (More information to follow.)	10:00 am — 11:30 am
12/18/16	Christmas Pageant followed by Celebration Breakfast for the congregation and families.	8:30—Christmas Pageant 9:40—Celebration Breakfast
1/15/17	Sunday School resumes after Christmas Break	8:30 am — 9:30 am 9:40 am — 10:40 am

If you have any additional questions, please talk to a team member at the registration table or feel free to contact Jen DeBaillie at debaillie@charter.net

MUSIC AT ST. JAMES

Vocal Choirs

Youth Choir: The St. James Youth Choir will resume practice on Sunday, September 18 at 10:45 am. Youth Choir is open to all children and young adults who enjoying singing. The choir has experienced an increase in membership each year and hopes to continue that trend again this year. Please feel free to talk to present members or Mrs. B about the fun we have each week while rehearsing our music. Questions can be directed to Sue Bubolz, Youth Choir Director 608-558-6460 or suebubolz@gmail.com

Adult Vocal Choir: Looking for a fun way to spend an hour on Wednesday evenings? Join the choir! The St. James vocal choir will begin fall rehearsals on September 7th. We rehearse on Wednesdays, from 6:30 – 7:30 pm, in the sanctuary. New and returning singers are welcome! Put “CHOIR” on your fall calendar now. We’d love to have you join us!

Handbells

The Youth Handbell Choir will begin rehearsals on Sunday, October 2, from 10:45 – 11:40 am, in the church’s lower level music room. We rehearse approximately three times per month, on Sunday mornings, and a schedule will be provided for the rehearsals and worship performances. Youth from 6th grade through high school are welcome. We have a wonderful group of youth returning, but we would love to see some new ringers as well!

The Adult Handbell Choir is a group for experienced ringers and musicians. We have an opening for a substitute ringer. Please talk to Paulette if you are interested and have some musical background or ringing experience. The choir rehearses on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. and will begin rehearsals on Monday, September 12.

AUTHOR ROGER THUROW TO BE AT ST. JAMES

Sunday, October 16th from noon – 2pm

Lunch will be served

Join us for this special event as author Roger Thurow will be with us to discuss his latest book [The First 1,000 Days](#). Through compelling stories of new mothers and babies in Uganda, India, Guatemala, and Chicago, journalist and anti-hunger advocate, Roger Thurow explores the promise of—and confounding challenges to—a transformative worldwide initiative to end early childhood malnutrition in his new book, [The First 1,000 Days: A Crucial Time for Mothers and Children – And the World](#).

In the past few years, devastating food crises and new research on the economic and social costs of childhood hunger have inspired an unprecedented international movement to end malnutrition in the first 1,000 days of a child's life, beginning with the mother's pregnancy. Proper nutrition during these 1,000 days can profoundly influence an individual's ability to grow, learn, and work. It can also determine a society's long-term health and prosperity. But, as Thurow reveals, the task of better nourishing mothers and children is easier said than done.

With inspiring and heartbreaking stories of families in four diverse places, Thurow illuminates the science, economics, politics, and progress of the 1,000 days movement, as well as the formidable obstacles and challenges it faces.

Roger Thurow joined the Chicago Council on Global Affairs as senior fellow for global food and agriculture in January 2010 after three decades at The Wall Street Journal. For 20 years, he served as a Journal foreign correspondent, based in Europe and Africa. His coverage of global affairs spanned the Cold War, the reunification of Germany, the release of Nelson Mandela, the end of apartheid, the wars in the former Yugoslavia and the humanitarian crises of the first decade of this century – along with 10 Olympic Games.

In 2003, he and Journal colleague Scott Kilman wrote a series of stories on famine in Africa that was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in International Reporting. Thurow and Kilman are authors of the book, [ENOUGH: Why the World's Poorest Starve in an Age of Plenty](#).

In 2009, they were awarded Action Against Hunger's Humanitarian Award. In May 2012, Thurow published his second book, [The Last Hunger Season: A Year in an African Farm Community on the Brink of Change](#). His new book, [The First 1,000 Days: A Crucial Time for Mothers and Children – And the World](#), was published in May this year.

Books will be available at the Welcome Center starting September 1st. If you would like to attend, please sign up at the Welcome Center.

FROM THE PARISH NURSE...Barbara Rasmussen, RN.,CPN

September brings preparation for “back to school” and updating immunizations. This is an important subject for all of us not just those going back to school.

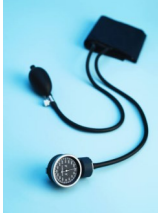
Some important vaccinations to be aware of are:

- Pneumococcal (Pneumonia);
- Shingles for the senior population;
- Hepatitis A&B;
- Tetanus/Diphtheria (Td)
- Influenza (Flu)

I have been very involved in administering the FLU VACCINE for several years. There are not many reasons to avoid receiving the flu vaccine. But, if you have any concerns, contact your care provider before getting the vaccine.

I want to share some important information. You can get your flu vaccine beginning in September. It takes two weeks for the vaccine to be effective and it's effective for a year. The quadravalent vaccine protects against four viruses and statistics have shown that the 2015 flu vaccine was very effective in preventing serious flu symptoms. The nasal mist will not be offered in clinics this year as it was found not to be as effective as was first thought.

We all need to prepare for fall as it comes once more to our beautiful Wisconsin. We need to “winterize” our homes and cars, change our attire to warmer clothing, and protect our health.



**BLOOD
PRESSURE
CHECKS**

September 11

Blood Pressure Checks are taken the second Sunday of each month at 10:15 am in the Church Office.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS

Members of St. James will once again have the opportunity to collect school supplies. Why school supplies?

To the children who receive School Kits, these supplies mean the difference between getting an education or not. Public school is usually free, but in the places where LWR works, even a few supplies, like pens and paper, may be more than many families can afford.

School Supply List:

- 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper
- 30-centimeter ruler or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- Manual pencil sharpeners
- Blunt end scissors
- Box of 16 or 24 crayons

Please give only new items with no religious or patriotic symbols or messages. Your donations can be dropped off in the narthex area of our church thru September 11. Questions can be directed to Sue Bubolz 608-558-6460 or suebubolz@gmail.com.

Thank you for supporting this Mary Circle project.



Saint JAMES PRESCHOOL



PRESCHOOL HAPPENINGS

August is a busy time at preschool for the staff. We have been working hard getting prepared for the upcoming school year. A big thanks goes to the preschool parents (Michael Wegner, JoEllen Graber, Cathy Woods, Noelle Seelen & Joe, and Bert Luckas) who helped give the playground a face lift with some new mulch, sand, and weeding the property.

All of our spots are filled for the 2016-2017 school year. There is a total of 16 kids in Pre-K with Ms. Stacy Zimmerman and Ms. Lynn Hauski as teachers, 10 kids total in two different sections of Ms. Holly Parker's 3 year old class and 5 kids in Ms. Lori Rudy's 3 year old class. We plan on opening a 2 ½ class on Fridays starting in January.

I encourage church members to contact Heather to come see what happens at the preschool. We have an amazing program that a lot of families want to be a part of and we would love for you to see what the Preschool Ministry has to offer. You can call Heather Pearl at 845-6922 x235 or email her at sjp@stjamesverona.org to set up a time to come in.

FUNDRAISERS

Once again the preschool will be selling Bucky Books. They will be available for purchase at the Welcome Center starting September 3rd to purchase for \$35. The preschool receives \$15 profit for each book sold!! You can also contact Heather at sjp@stjamesverona.org to pre-order or purchase a book. There are a lot of great coupons in the Bucky Books. In fact you will save more than \$35 when using the book. Check one out to see all the savings!

PARISH NOTES



We remember in our prayers – *Members of St. James:* Laurie Hambrecht, Kirsten Hansen, Cheryl Latsch, Lynn Marquardt, Carol Path, Monica Pechan, Maureen Rand, Charles & Ruby Reuter, Amanda Spencer, Dale Thompson & David Thompson.

Friends of St. James: Kirsten Curtis, Debbie Loughrin, Heidi Peterson, Julie Rogness & Laura Schurman. *Relatives of Members:* Helen Abplanalp (mother of Chuck Abplanalp), John Bittrich (father of Elise Taft), Anne Bloomer (Rob Frederick's grandmother), Eberta DeBaillie (mother of Lee DeBaillie), Janine Gerke (sister-in-law of Red & Diann Chapman), Pearlene Glasrud (sister-in-law of Karen Wolf), Brad Hafermann, (brother-in-law of Sandy Saether), Hillary Knobloch (niece of Sandy Saether), Don Koch (brother of Cookie Thompson), Al Miller (brother-in-law of Cookie Thompson), Sally Mueller (sister of Susan Mueller), Hank Murphy (great nephew of Jim & Mindy Storch), Terri Mykisen (cousin of Laurie Halminiak), Sandy Opsal (daughter of Burnell & John Morton), Craig Parman (brother-in-law of Sandy Saether), Laurie Ronning (mother of Beth Jonjak), Norman Schroeder (brother of Marilyn LeMoine), Martha Stolgren (mother of Michelle Viney), Don Waalen (father of Karen Bretnauer), David Wallace (father of Sheri Doyle), and Chris Watters (brother of Ben Watters).

In Residence: **Four Winds** - Lorraine Crownhart, Roberta Miller, and Dona Nyhus; **Girlie's Manor at Ingleside** - Duane Eliason; **Oakwood West**—Lorine Kahl. **The Sebring Assisted Care Residence:** LeRoy Dockter; **St. Mary's Care Center** – Olga Ascher and Bill Gilbert. **Willow Pointe** - Betty Burgenske, Margaret Hendrickson, Roberta Miller, Vera Schreiner

and Marv & Cookie Thompson. **Willow Pointe Memory Care** - Bob Miller, Doris Stuber, Dodie Syvrud.

Serving in the Military: Bryan Tordoff, Dan Sullivan, Adam Jeziorski, Casey Biggins, Mark Nyhus, Ryan Nyhus, Adam Pechan, Casey Pulver, David Pulver, and Shandra Pulver.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism: Noah Joseph Bahr, son of Dylan & Katie (Kowalski) Bahr on July 20, 2016; Blake Donovan Stetzer, son of Thomas & Heather (Donovan) Stetzer on July 31, 2016; Gunnar Theodore Henry Graber, son of Bill & JoEllen (Elsing) Graber on August 6, 2016; and Halle Leslie Iserloth, daughter of Matt & Jamie (Kreul) Iserloth on August 7, 2016.

Christian Sympathy is extended to the family of Patricia Martinelli as they mourn her death.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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