

# THE SEED

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH, QUINCY, IL FEBRUARY 2012

## Lent 2012: Following Jesus Down the Road of Discipleship

*By Pastor Gayle Pope*

The season of Lent is a time to reflect deeply on our Lord's suffering and death for our sins, leading to the new, resurrection life of Easter! We do not make this journey alone. We have each other and the Holy Spirit to help us on our way. Here are some opportunities we will have to journey through Lent together in 2012.

### Intergenerational Event: "Get Ready for Lent"

After the 9:30 service on Sunday, Feb. 12, children, youth and adults will learn about the meaning of Lent through teaching, activities, song and a take home.

### Take Home: Lenten Road Map

The Worship Team is developing a "Lenten Road Map" for everyone to take home and put on their refrigerators or bulletin boards. Each day of Lent, the road map will have a simple suggestion of something each of us can do as a Lenten discipline reflecting our weekly themes.

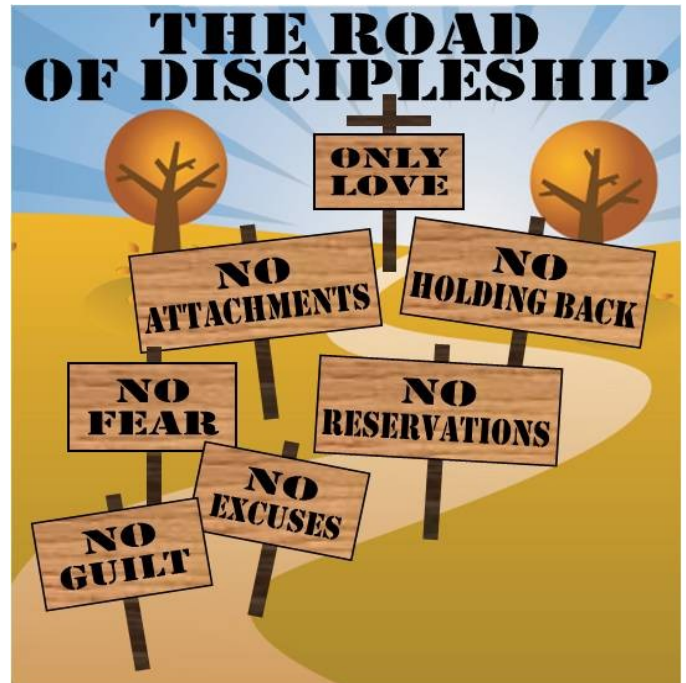
### Worship: Ash Wednesday Service and Midweek Soup Supper and Lenten Devotional Services

Every Wednesday at 6:30, we'll have the opportunity to pray and worship together and hear a series of messages about the radical call of Jesus to follow him with everything we've got, as heard in the Gospel of Matthew. Our Ash Wednesday service will include Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes.

The next five Wednesdays of Lent, the Fellowship Team will host a soup supper at 6 p.m., followed by a 30-minute devotional service in the Sanctuary beginning at 6:30. A sign-up sheet for the soup suppers will be on the table in the narthex. Dates and topics for the weekly messages are:

**Feb. 22: "No Guilt"** – Psalm 51:10, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me."

**Feb. 29: "No Excuses"** - Matthew 8:22, "Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead"



**March 7: "No Fear"** - Matthew 4:19, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people."

**March 14: "No Reservations"** - Matthew 16:24, "Let them deny themselves, take up their cross and follow me."

**March 21: "No Attachments"** - Matthew 19:21, "Go, sell your possessions ... then come, follow me"

**March 28: "No Holding Back"** - Matthew 25:40, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for me."

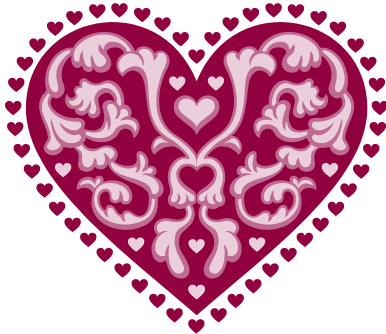
**April 5 (Maundy Thursday): "Only Love"** - John 13:35, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love one for another."

I will be looking for some lay people to give some of the messages on Wednesday nights.

In addition, we will of course have our regular Sunday worship services with their Lenten themes, followed by the Adult forums which will give us further opportunities to explore the challenges and rewards of following Jesus on the "Road of Discipleship."



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## **CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES - JANUARY 22, 2012**

Pastor Gayle Pope provided devotions following an annual congregational meeting opening liturgy. President Sue McLennan called the meeting to order at 11:05 and declared that a quorum was present. She welcomed Pastor Gayle to her first annual meeting.

Appointments: Reth Stollberg and Pat Bell volunteered to be Tellers and Ron Larner as Parliamentarian. The agenda was approved as written.

The minutes of the previous annual meeting held on January 23, 2011 were approved as written. The minutes of the Special Congregational Meeting held on May 22, 2011 were approved as written.

Pastor Gayle reported that Ashley Maas will be working twenty hours a week and will also be in charge of the SEED. Volunteers are needed to help put the SEED together. They are planning to get the church records in order also. Pastor prepared a written report for the annual report.

President Sue McLennan thanked everyone for all their help during her term as Council President and also for the opportunity to become the leader of the Council. She also prepared a written report for the annual report. She explained that the Mission Statement and the Objectives for 2012-2014 will act as a road map for the entire congregation. Pastor reported that relationship building and spiritual growth will be key strategies for meeting our ministry goals. Parishioners were encouraged to sign up to help.

The 2011 Membership report was discussed. Thanks to Bonnie Scranton, Bonnie Conover, Sue Reeder, Pastor Gayle Pope and Ashley Maas for their work. The adjusted membership has been submitted to Synod.

Reports of the Ministry Teams (Congregation was given written reports.)

1. Stewardship: Jim Bailey thanked everyone for their involvement and support.
2. Service: Tom Holte thanked Sue McLennan for putting all their information into a report. The congregation was thanked for all the good service they do.
3. Property: Stu Bell was thanked for coordinating the crew and for all the projects the men completed.
4. Learning: Trish Santos invited all to attend the Open House for the new Youth room.
5. Witness: Sue Reeder reported that Bonnie Conover and Linda Dillman appreciated all the help with the Ploughman's lunch.
6. Fellowship: Ashley Maas thanked everyone for all the help with Coffee Hour and all the other times they helped with Fellowship.
7. Worship: It was corrected that both Joan and Ron Larner are scheduling worship helpers. They were thanked for taking on this job.

Motion was approved to accept all reports as corrected.

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Jim Bailey, presented candidates for election. They were thanked for their work. No new nominations were made from the floor. Motion was approved to close the nominations and cast unanimous ballots. Elected to church council were Dick Tabb, Judy Kaufman, Mary Reeve, and Kathy Wolters. Elected to next year's Nominating Committee were Amy Stollberg, Bonnie Conover, Reth Stollberg, Stuart Peters, and Sue Reeder. Outgoing council members Reth Stollberg, Dick Klusmeyer, Sue Reeder, and Joan Kammerlohr were thanked for their service and presented with Certificates of Appreciation.

President Sue McLennan reported that the 2011 budget ended up with a surplus due to not having a full-time pastor for the entire year. It was reported that a new cross for the outside of the church will be installed in the spring. Part of the money for this project will come from the Memorial Fund.

Money left over from the Call Fund was put into savings and will be used for capital improvements and/or major maintenance in the future. After discussion, a motion was approved to accept the 2011 treasurer's reports which will be filed for audit. Olin Shuler, Bill Wolters and Dick Tabb were elected by the Council to be the Audit Committee

The 2012 budget was discussed. The Church Council made the decision to have Ashley Maas work for twenty hours a week and her salary was increased. Other staff member salaries had small increases. Discussion was held about snow removal and the Property Team will be in charge of this. The balanced budget of 2012 was approved as written.

Tom Holte reported that a special congregational meeting to vote on changes to the Constitution may be held later. The congregation's group subscription to The Lutheran magazine will expire in March. Information will be in the SEED about individuals ordering the magazine.

Motion was approved to adjourn at 11:50. We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Joan Kammerlohr, Secretary

## **CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING - JANUARY 22, 2012**

President, Sue McLennan called the reorganizational meeting to order at 11:50 a.m. Those council members present were Jim Bailey, Tom Holte, Judy Kauffman, Ashley Maas, Mary Reeve, Trish Santos, Bonnie Scranton, Dick Tabb, Donna Parke and Kathy Wolters.

**Adoption of Agenda** –President Sue McClennan presented the agenda and asked for additions or corrections. Dick Tabb made a motion to accept the agenda as printed with Mary Reeve seconding it. Motion carried.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor Gayle Pope.

**Election of Officers** – Sue McLennan asked for nominations for officers for the 2012 Council. Bonnie Scranton was nominated for President. Mary Reeve made the motion and it was seconded by Jim Bailey. Motion carried. Jim Bailey was nominated for Vice-President. Dick Tabb made the motion to accept Jim Bailey's nomination for Vice-President and Mary Reeves seconded. Motion carried. Kathy Wolters was nominated for Secretary. Bonnie Scranton made the motion to accept Kathy Wolters as the nominee for Secretary and Ashley Maas seconded. Motion carried. Andrew Maas was nominated for Treasurer. Bonnie Scranton made the motion to accept Andrew Maas as Treasurer and Jim Bailey seconded it. seconded. Motion carried.

The officers for the coming year will be Bonnie Scranton - President, Jim Bailey – Vice-President, Kathy Wolters – Secretary, and Andrew Maas – Treasurer.

President Bonnie Scranton thanked Sue McLennan for her leadership as President for the past year.

**Installation of Council and Officers** - Pastor Gayle Pope indicated installation of new council members and officers would take place during the regular church service on Jan. 29, 2012. All were asked to be present if possible.

**Ministry Team Liaisons-** President Scranton asked all council members to consider where their talents would best serve our church. She announced that Bruce Holderbaum has agreed to be the Property Liaison and Mary Reeve volunteered to be the Service Liaison. Ashley Maas indicated she would like to not serve as Fellowship Liaison another year. Ministry teams are Stewardship, Service, Property, Learning, Witness, Fellowship and Worship. At the next meeting assignments will be made.

**February Meeting Date** – The next meeting of Christ Lutheran Church Council will be on February 7, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the church. Council will regularly meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the church.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.



**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 10, 2012**

**Council Members Present:** Reth Stollberg, Sue McLennan, Sue Reeder, Jim Bailey, Bruce Holderbaum, Bonnie Scranton, Joan Kammerlohr, Donna Parke, Trish Santos, Tom Holte, and Ashley Maas.  
**Absent:** Dick Klusmeyer and Pastor Gayle Pope

Opening prayer was given by Sue McLennan. Ashley Maas provided the devotions and Trish Santos will provide devotions in February. President Sue McLennan called the meeting to order at 6:40. The minutes of the

December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as written. Two topics were added to the agenda.

**Treasurer and Financial Secretary Minutes:** Sue McLennan reported that we started with:

Checking Account	Savings Account
2011 \$9,470.90	2011 \$30,213.85
2012 \$20,059.61	2012 \$37,745.35

The church was able to save money due to not having a full time pastor for part of the year. After reviewing the reports, they were approved to be filed for audit.

**President's Report:** Sue McLennan thanked the entire Council members for being so involved in the church and she appreciated all the help she was given. Sue was thanked for her great leadership.

**Treasurer and Financial Secretary Minutes:** Purchasing a new banner for the Dave Ramsey class was discussed. There is money in the 2011 budget but the order may not be placed until after year-end. If that be the case, Sue McLennan will talk to Treasurer Robin Lentz about making an adjusting entry so that the expense is reflected in 2011. There was also some discussion concerning Youth Room expenses that may not be spent until 2012. It was noted that the budgeted expenses (\$300) had already been posted and that any further expenditures would come from the Youth Fund, which is not affected by calendar year.

**MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS:**

**Stewardship:** Jim Bailey reported that there were no new pledges since the last meeting.

**Service:** Tom Holte reported that ten families had been helped with food baskets, plus all the food given to various food pantries. Financial Peace University started last week. Tom will fill in for Mary Reeve for the next three Unmet Needs meetings.

**Property:** Bruce Holderbaum reported that an electrician will look at the Youth Room lights tomorrow. The expense for that room will come out of the line item budget of maintenance. There will be a future expense for changing light ballasts throughout the church. An electrician will be needed to do the wiring for the new outdoor cross. Jim Bailey will do some research and report back at the next meeting.

**Worship:** Bruce Holderbaum reported that hymns have been selected through January 29<sup>th</sup>. They will meet tomorrow to pick out other hymns. The Carols and readings on January 1<sup>st</sup> went very well. There were 181 people present at the Christmas Eve Service. Worship Assistant Training sessions will be held at the end of January and first weeks of February. Handbooks will be given out at that time. The communion wine has been changed.

**Witness:** No report

**Learning:** Trish Santos reported that the Youth room has almost been finished. A new sofa and artwork will be installed. The Youth room will be blessed on January 27<sup>th</sup> which will be held along with Trivia Night and potluck dinner. The Youth room will be opened two Friday nights a month and families will rotate chaperoning and caring for the room. There are four students and two or three adults planning on attending the Youth trip. A Youth choir may be started with practices during the Adult Forum time.

**Fellowship:** Ashley Maas reported that the taking down of the Greens was very successful. They will meet on the third Thursday in January. The Adult Fellowship group will meet at Pops Pizza on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Let Stu or Pat Bell know if you are interested in attending.

**Mutual Ministry Team:** The next meeting is on January 24<sup>th</sup>.

Motion was passed to approve all Team reports.

**Old Business:**

1. Bruce Holderbaum has started taking photographs for the new church directory and will continue after the next two Sunday services. Bruce was thanked for his efforts.
2. The Council reviewed the 2012 budget. Motion was approved to present this budget at the Annual Congregation meeting.
3. Bonnie Scranton reported on the website updates. She showed us a draft of a possible website. The new clcq.org domain was shared. The project is on track and the committee will meet when Pastor returns.
4. The Mission Statement and 2013-2014 goals were perused and will be added to the annual report.

**New Business:**

1. Reth Stollberg and Pat Bell have agreed to be Tellers at the Annual Meeting.
2. Constitutional changes will not be presented at the Annual Meeting.
3. A motion was approved for the establishment of a Pastor's Discretionary Fund which will come out of the Memorial Fund for \$250 and be in HyVee gift cards. They will be used for emergency issues within our congregation. Pastor will let Council know when she uses these funds.
4. Nominees for the four open positions on council are Mary Reeve, Judy Kaufman, Dick Tabb, and Kathy Wolters. We will need a new person to put together the SEED.
5. The Church Council including the new members will meet immediately following the Annual Meeting.
6. Council Members should be thinking about which Ministry Team to join.
7. The outgoing Members were thanked for their services. They consisted of Reth Stollberg, Sue Reeder, Joan Kammerlohr, and Dick Klusmeyer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 and ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Kammerlohr, Secretary

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## **TREE PLANTED IN MEMORY OF DOROTHY BEELER**

We received the following letter: Hansen-Spear Funeral Home of Quincy is arranging to have a young tree planted in memory of Dorothy Beeler. This memorial tree will be planted on public lands during the earliest appropriate season.

The living memorial is a part of a large endeavor to restore the Illinois landscape with the eternal beauty of living trees, for the benefit of all the residents of the state. As a broad legacy to all, it will grow without personal inscription and become an important, enduring part of its natural surroundings.

We would like to extend our condolences to friends of Dorothy Beeler, along with the staff of the Hansen-Spear Funeral Home, who have provided this living memorial.

Sincerely yours,

Robert S. Pearson, President  
Lofty Oaks Association

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## **Intergenerational Bowling Night**

**TUESDAY, FEB 21ST 6:00 PM**

We will meet at the Pizza Hut on Locust Street and then head to bowling. Even if you don't want to bowl... please come cheer us on!!! We need to Reserve lanes so please RSVP to Trish 653-3545 or tas148@hotmail.com. Cost is \$6 per person and learning ministry will cover the rest. Hope to See you There!!!



## **FEB 28: BOOKS & BREW**

Just in case you've been thinking of participating one evening with the book club we meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6PM. There are no rules and you are welcome even if you haven't finished the book yet- we are always open to new suggestions for a monthly selection. We will be meeting February 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM at Panera. Our book this month is "Saving Cee Cee Honeycutt" by Beth Hoffman.



## **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

Pastor Gayle and Terry Pope will participate in a Lutheran Marriage Encounter weekend in Quincy Friday evening through Sunday noon, Feb. 17-19. Besides enrichment for their own marriage, Pastor believes the marriage encounter will give her and Terry tools and insights to help minister to other couples. There's still time to register. For further information call Dan & Charlotte Ricks at 309-682-7273 or see [www.godlovesmarriage.org](http://www.godlovesmarriage.org). You can register on-line.

## **FEB 5 & 19: SOUND AND VIDEO SYSTEM TRAINING**

If you've ever wondered what all those knobs on the sound system do?... Now is your chance to find out!

On February 5th and again on February 19th Stuart Peters will be conducting a training session on the sound system immediately following service.

He will provide an overview and explanation of our system and the capabilities (approximately 15 minutes). There will also be a question and answer session, so feel free to bring any questions you may have.



## **ADULT FELLOWSHIP**

Because of the weather on January 20<sup>th</sup> only two people out of 15 made it to Pop's Pizza. Since the weather in February can be just as bad let's not make any specific plans for this month but if it looks like it's going to be decent weather one weekend we can do something on the spur of the moment-like maybe go to the Maya restaurant for Mexican- I'll announce it in church or Pastor can send info via email. If anyone has another suggestion for February or future get-togethers please feel free to call (653-7632) or email me- pabsdb@adams.net- Thanks Pat Bell

### **FEB 12: FIRST COMMUNION**

Connor Katenin and Olivia Peters will receive their First Communion during the 9:30 service on Sunday, Feb. 12. They will complete five hours of instruction with Pastor Gayle on Tuesdays, Jan. 31 and Feb. 7 from 3:30 to 5, and on Saturday, Feb. 11, from Noon until 2. The last session will include baking the Communion bread for Feb. 12. Welcome to the Lord's Table!

### **FEB 26: BAPTISM**

Aiven Andrew Maas, son of Ashley and Andrew Maas, will receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism during the 9:30 service on Sunday, Feb. 26. Aiven was born February 23, 2010 in Quincy, IL. His sponsors, Amber Martin and Zach Maas. Aiven's grandparents are Wendy and David Maas, members of Christ Lutheran, and Kathleen Cox of Hannibal, MO.

### **FEB 19: BRIAN DAYS BACK AGAIN**

Brian Days, a Synodically Authorized Minister (SAM) from Beardstown will be back to preside and preach at Christ Lutheran on Sunday, Feb. 19, while Pastor Gayle and Terry are at the Marriage Encounter. This will be Brian's third time with us and we are glad to have him back.

### **DIVERSITY CIRCLES TO MEET HERE**

Christ Lutheran will be the host site for a series of "Diversity Circle" Meetings every Monday night from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. beginning Feb. 19 through the end of April. Margarita Oguilve is a participant and arranged for the group to meet here. About 15 people are expected to participate.

According to Margarita, the program is an effort by the Human Rights Commission and the City of Quincy to improve relations in the community. They are open to the public and other Christ Lutheran Church members would be welcome to participate.

Diversity Circles meet in many communities throughout the country. An article on the internet from the University of Wisconsin said, "Diversity Circles are small groups of people talking together about critical public issues such as: racism, education, police/community relations, sexual orientation, and poverty. Participants meet together over several weeks to look at an issue from many points of view. The goal of Diversity Circles is to engage participants in dialogue to promote action and change. The dialogues, led by trained facilitators, raise awareness and increase understanding, so that together, citizens create change in their communities."

## BONNIE SCRANTON RETIRES

Bonnie Scranton, our new congregational president, has announced her retirement from John Wood Community College, where she has served as Dean of Enrollment Services/Registrar for the last eight years. Bonnie is concluding a 43-year career in education and is looking forward to what life has in store next. She plans to stay in Quincy. Bonnie will also be serving as president of the United Way of Adams County.

**Contact Information:** As a retiree, Bonnie still has a John Wood e-mail account, but it is different from before. She does not have a cell phone that she uses on a regular basis, so use her home number to call her.

primary e-mail: bonster01@yahoo.com  
alternate e-mail: bonnie\_scranton@jwcc.edu  
Phone: 217.223.2062

## INTRODUCING NEW MEMBERS

We received several new members into our congregation on Sunday, Jan. 22. Welcome to ...

**Marcia Johnson** (Jerri & Dick Klusmeier, sponsors)

Marcia moved to Quincy last fall from Lancaster, PA, where she worked for Ford Credit and attended St. Peter Lutheran Church. In her years with Ford, she lived in several different locations around the country. Marcia's dad was Pastor John Rhine who served at Salem Lutheran in Mendon when Marcia was in high school. One of the reasons she decided to join Christ Lutheran is that she ran into an old high school classmate – Jerri Ann Shupe (Klusmeier) the first time she visited. Marcia is single and has two grown children. She works part-time at Khol's, and lives at 653 Pawn Ave., phone 217-222-6158.

**Beth & Jason Katenin, Haley and Connor** (Jennifer & Reth Stollberg, sponsors)

The Katenins moved to Quincy last summer from Romeo, MI, where they were members of St. John Lutheran Church. Jason is value stream manager for Gardner Denver, a global manufacturer of industrial compressors, blowers, pumps, loading arms and fuel systems, with an office in Quincy. Beth, a registered nurse, works part-time in day surgery at Blessing Hospital. Connor, age 10, is a 4<sup>th</sup> grader at Baldwin, and Haley, age 11, is in 6<sup>th</sup> grade there. They live at 2931 Genevieve Dr, Quincy, phone 616-293-7590 (Beth) and 248-736-9153 (Jason). They love outdoor sports, especially fishing, hunting and golf.

## THE MYSTERY OF THE MISSING COAT

Someone is missing this men's top coat and doesn't know it. That's because we think that whoever belongs to this coat went home from church on Dec. 11 with a similar coat belonging to Phil Conover (probably after the early service). The coat that's here is a John Ashford, 100% wool, with nice black suede gloves in the pocket. Phil's Coat is similar, but with a Jos A Banks label. Any help in getting these coats back their rightful owners would be appreciated!



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## WORSHIP LEADERS FOR FEBRUARY

	February 5	February 12	February 19	February 22 Ash Wed.	February 26
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Joan Larner	Tom Holte	Joan Larner	Ron Larner	Bonnie Scranton
<b>Deacon</b>	Pat Bell	Crystal Bennett	Bruce Holderbaum	Barb Rhinberger	Jim Bailey
<b>Greeters</b>	Joe and Cheryl Brinkman	Nelson and Bernice Colgrove	Mel and Linda Dillman	Virgene Gilkerson	Jim and Peggy Bailey
<b>Reader</b>	Judy Kauffman	Jerri Klusmeyer	Amy Stollberg	Sue Reeder	Bill Shuler
<b>Sound System</b>	Bruce Holderbaum	Jacob Parke	Savana Santos	Ashley Maas	Kathy Wolters
<b>Usher</b>	Stu Bell	Reth Stollberg	Bonnie Scranton	Joan Larner	Andrew Maas
<b>Acolyte</b>			Sami Santos		Erik Kruse
<b>Sunday School</b>	Joan Kammerlohr	Trish Santos	Joan Kammerlohr		Donna Parke
<b>Nursery</b>	Nora Holte	Hayley Katenin	Trish Santos		Linda Dillman

*If you cannot help on your assigned Sunday, please find a replacement and make a change on the appropriate sheet on the office bulletin board. Many Thanks!*

If you have a birthday in January and your name does not appear on the following list, we would appreciate it if you would notify us so that we can complete our records.



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| 2 Arif Tayyab         | 14 Peggy Bailey   |
| 3 Dylan Probert       | Randy Osterbur    |
| 4 Jerry Shackelford   | 20 Hila Leenerts  |
| 5 Ethan Wolf          | Amanda Bolte      |
| David Tooke           | 23 Hayley Simpson |
| 7 Daune McCulloch     | Aiven Maas        |
| 9 Anne Conover Alford | 26 Taylor Kruse   |
| Alison Osterbur       | 27 Bill Wolters   |
| 11 Joanne Brubaker    |                   |
| 12 Joe Brinkman       |                   |



- February
- 5 Bob and Esther Hufendick
  - 12 Jerry and Mary Shank
  - 19 Jim and Mindy Wolf