

# THE MESSENGER

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## REFLECTIONS From the President

**A place to belong and  
a place to become . . .**

Grace and Peace to you Brothers and Sisters in Christ at First Lutheran !

"It is a great time to be the Church !" As I have shared his sentiment many times over the past few weeks, it rings true each and every day. The past two months have been a significant challenge for us and at no other time is it better for us to be the church together. As true Christian disciples, the entire staff and members of this congregation have been willing to step up and step out in keeping the mission and vision of First Lutheran Church alive as Pastor Charlie battles Alpha 1 Anti-trypsin disease. We have all learned together about this disease and its complexity, and we will continue to learn more as we venture with Pastor Charlie in the next step of treatment for him with a liver transplant.

Liver transplantation can occur via two different avenues. A complete liver can be transplanted to the recipient should an appropriate match be identified, or, a partial liver transplant from a living donor can also be considered if the donor and recipient are a compatible match. In Pastor Charlie's case, that living donor must be of an O+ blood type and be in good overall health to be considered. Partial liver donation is possible as the liver will regenerate itself within a relatively short period of time, generally within 6-8 weeks. Both the donor and recipient have a fully developed / regenerated liver in both size and function upon recovery. Both of these possibilities exist for Pastor Charlie to receive a liver transplant. Is God calling you or someone you know to consider this type of gift? If so, it may be worth a conversation with your doctor or health care professional to answer further any questions you may have about this possibility.

As Pastor Charlie continues ongoing medical treatment, rest and recovery during this time prior to transplant surgery, additional Pastoral help is needed for us to continue the mission of First Lutheran Church to raise up disciples in the Fremont area and the world. I am pleased to share with you that through consultation with the Synod office and Bishop deFreese, we will welcome an Interim Associate Pastor to be with us beginning on Ash Wednesday.

The Reverend Kathy Gerking will join with us for our next steps in this journey as we move forward. Pastor Gerking comes to us from the Southeastern Iowa synod of the ELCA and is currently on leave from call having served most recently as an Assistant to the Bishop in Iowa City, IA. Pastor Gerking lives in Iowa City with her husband Andy and son Aaron, a high school sophomore. Her daughter Anna is a sophomore at George Washington University, in Washington D.C.

Pastor Gerking is excited about this call and the opportunity to serve with us here at First Lutheran and we are excited to have her join with us as we live out our mission, vision, and calling.

Please join me in welcoming Pastor Gerking to our church family in the coming days.

In Christ,

Brian Brodd

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# FAMILIES

## Children and Family Ministry

**FUEY (3rd - 5th Grade)** will meet on Thursday, March 19. FUEY is held in the Fellowship Hall from 3:30 - 5:00 pm. Bring a friend!

**First Communion Workshop** will be held on April 4<sup>th</sup> for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students as well as for any other member that would like to receive instruction to participate in Holy Communion. Please contact the church office if you plan on attending.

**Attention All Confirmation Students and Parents!** Confirmation attendance cards/church bulletins/memory work etc... should be placed in Tami Hall's mailbox located above the family mailboxes.

**GOOD FRIDAY CAMP** Kindergarten – 3rd Grade students and their friends are welcome to join us here at First Lutheran on Friday April 10<sup>th</sup> from 9am-3pm. We will explore the true meaning of Easter through songs, stories, crafts, snacks and games. The suggested cost for the day is \$15 to cover crafts, snacks, and lunch. Meri Jo is also looking for adults and students who would be willing to help with this camp. If you are interested, please contact her at 721-2959 ext 23 or leave a note for her in the slotted mailbox. I am looking for at least 8 adults and 8-16 students. Thanks for your support of this ministry.

# DEVOTIONS

## Family Faith Conversations

### For the week of March 1

**Monday:** Read Psalm 20:6-7. What are some things you trust to protect you? Why do you need to do things safely when your confidence is in God?

**Tuesday:** Read Psalm 33:16-22. In your own life, how have you seen that God is trustworthy?

**Wednesday:** Read 2 Timothy 1:7-10. Where does fear come from? If you had no fear, what would you be free to do?

**Thursday:** Read Proverbs 28:1. Why do you think being righteous might make you brave?

**Friday:** Read 1 Corinthians 16:13-14. What can you do when you're afraid?

**Saturday:** Read Hebrews 10:19-25. Think about a time God helped you when you were afraid. How could you use what you learned to encourage someone else?

### For the week of March 8

**Monday:** Read Psalm 145:13-21. What are some of the ways God meets your physical and emotional needs?

**Tuesday:** Read Deuteronomy 8:2-5. What lessons did God teach the Israelites? What has God taught you?

**Wednesday:** Read Luke 12:29-34. Have you given something away and then received more of what you gave away? Tell about it.

**Thursday:** Read Psalm 107:1-22. When have you asked God for help? What happened?

**Friday:** Read John 14:1-4. What is the greatest gift God has given you?

**Saturday:** Read Isaiah 63:7. What words do you use to say "thank you" to God for all he gives you? How can you remember to thank him more this week?

### For the week of March 15

**Monday:** Read Psalm 119:89-90. What have you complained to God about? When you think about who God is, what do you want to say to him?

**Tuesday:** Read Isaiah 54:9-10. How has God shown patience to you?

**Wednesday:** Read Lamentations 3:22-26. What does it mean to wait for the Lord? Does the Lord wait for you?

**Thursday:** Read Psalm 40:1-5. What did God do for David when David cried out to him? David chose to praise God. What can you do to remind yourself to praise God this week?

**Friday:** Read James 5:7-11. Who do you know who shows you what it means to wait for the Lord?

**Saturday:** Read 2 Peter 3:8-9. Why is Jesus taking so long to return? How can having a heart for those who don't know Jesus help us wait?

### For the week of March 22

**Monday:** Read Deuteronomy 10:12-15. How can you show God that you know he is worthy of honor?

**Tuesday:** Read Isaiah 29:13. In what ways do people honor God only with their words? How can you ensure your worship is from the heart?

**Wednesday:** Read Proverbs 3:9-10. Why does honoring God make it possible for God to be even more generous with you?

**Thursday:** Read Mark 6:1-6. What thoughts and attitudes prevented the people from honoring Jesus?

**Friday:** Read Matthew 18:1-6. How does your humility honor Jesus?

**Saturday:** Read Psalm 98:1-9. What can you do this week to honor God?

### For the week of March 29

**Monday:** Read Romans 4:1-8. Why should you obey God's commandments?

**Tuesday:** Read 1 Peter 2:1-17. Why does living according to God's law mean respecting your government's laws?

**Wednesday:** Read 1 Peter 3:13-20. Why does Peter say we should be respectful of others?

**Thursday:** Read Psalm 40:5-8. Why does God want you to desire to do his will?

**Friday:** Read Romans 12:1-10. According to these verses, how should you honor others above yourself? What are some ways you can honor others above yourself this week?

**Saturday:** Read Leviticus 19:18 and Matthew 19:19. Ten different verses in the Bible tell you to love our neighbor as yourself. Why is this idea so important?



Weekly Attendance through January	
2008	2009
503	585



# FEATURING Of Special Interest

**Senior Christian Fellowship** will meet Friday, March 6, for VonDeen's Sloppy Joes. Please call the church office if you need a ride.

**Friday AM Bible Study** meets on Friday's at 9:30 am at church. *All are Welcome!*

**Cover Girl Quilters** will meet on Tuesday, March 31, (note date change) from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch is potluck! We have 20+ tops ready to be tied and finished. Any one who can tie a knot is encouraged to come and help. All of this fabric we were gifted has presented us with a great challenge....getting it into a finished product. With all of your help, Cover Girls will make the most quilts ever for Lutheran World Relief.

**A GREAT BIG THANK YOU** from Cover Girls to all of you who took quilt blocks home and sewed them into quilt tops. It is a great help!! Please return finished top to the quilt room # 148 and just lay it on cabinet or take it to the reception area. Also, there are MANY more blocks to be sewn. They can be picked up at the reception area. This will be an on going project so keep sewing!!!

**"Prayer Shawl Ministry"** will meet on Tuesday, March 3, at 9:30 a.m. At this time we show our handiwork and dedicate the finished shawls so they are ready to be given. What a great response from you knitters and crocheters!!! With your help, over 40 shawls have been completed. Bring your finished shawls, leave them at the reception area and pick up new yarn there! Prayer Shawls are not just for someone who is ill. They are for anyone that is going through a stressful time....loss of job, death of a loved one, financial crises, etc. If you know anyone who you think would benefit from having a shawl that has been made with a lot of prayers, please call the church office and give them their name, etc. These shawls are a physical reminder that people love them and have prayed for them.

**L.I.F.T. (Lutherans in Fellowship Together) Potluck Group** will meet Thursday, March 19, @ 6:00 pm. Please join us!

**Retired Men's Bible study** meets on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 8:15 am in the conference room. Coffee and breakfast treats are provided. All men of retirement age are welcome to join us for fellowship and conversation.

**Second Monday Men & Women** meet on the second Monday of the month (March 9) Both groups now meet at 9:00 am for coffee and then tackle some of the tasks needing to be done here at the church. Both groups always welcome newcomers.

The **2009 Radio (\$150) and Altar Flower (\$35) charts** are up. There are many available dates that still need filled. You can sign up for your special day. Groups are always welcome to sponsor a broadcast. Charts are available across from the reception desk.

**SOLOs** (Fellowship for singles or those widowed) meet at 11:45 am each Sunday for dinner at a variety of places:

#### March Calendar

1	Brass Wok
8	Heroes'
15	Village Inn
22	Applebee's
29	Pizza Hut

**A reminder** to please keep the pastoral staff informed of your expected and unexpected hospitalizations. Despite checking the Fremont hospital regularly, the church may not be receiving a complete list of members in the hospital and we have no notification from Omaha hospitals of members admitted there. Please call the church office if you would appreciate a visit.

**First Lutheran Preschool** now has an opening in the M-W-F afternoon class. Contact Karen Mundy for more information. They are also in need of juice and Dixie cups. Items may be dropped off at the reception desk and clearly labeled First Lutheran Preschool. First Lutheran Preschool is taking registrations for the 2009/10 school year.

**The Coffee House** brought to you by the FLYs. Get a cappuccino, hot chocolate, or a soda from 9:00 - 11:00 am. **All are welcome.** Cost is \$1. Stop by and grab your drink of choice or stay and discuss the biblical thought of the day. An atmosphere where you can come and go or stay and explore your faith. All proceeds go to support FLC Youth Ministries.

Our monthly **Messenger newsletter** is now available online at [www.flc-ne.org](http://www.flc-ne.org). If you would like to save postage and help the environment by reading the newsletter online, just sign-up or call the church office so you maybe removed from the mailing list.

Are you a church member in need of a ride to an evening event, a doctor's appointment or maybe a worship service? **YOU ARE IN LUCK!** We have an **"Over the Road" Gang** in place to assist you! Please call Jill (in the church office; 721-2959) to make arrangements. Please let us know how we can best serve you!

**Soup suppers** are just around the corner. Sign-up for soup makers, bread bakers, servers and clean up crew is located in Fellowship Hall. Hope you can help!

**First Lutheran Travelers** are going to Savannah, Georgia, in May. Lots of special stops are planned including a meal at Paula Deen's restaurant. There are things to see out there in God's great world. For more information or a brochure, contact Pastor Norm or Betsy (721-3299). Non-member friends are welcome to come aboard our big beautiful bus. Nine days and eight nights - May 23 to 31 - total cost \$757.00. This includes all breakfasts, five dinners and all tips.

On Sunday, March 22, at 6:00 pm **Popovers** will have a potluck for those who have been involved in the past and for those who would like to join. Just sign-up on the green sheets.

**Have you moved?** If so, please contact the church office so that we may update our records.

# WORSHIP SCHEDULE

## Special Occasions

### Lenten Services

Wednesdays through April 1 6:30 pm - 7:15 pm  
 Childcare available and bus service available  
 Bread & Soup Supper 5:00 - 6:15 pm  
 Free will offering collected for First Lutheran FLIP FLOPS after-school program  
 \$3/person suggested donation

### **Holy Week & Easter**

#### **Palm Sunday - April 5**

*The procession with palms brings us into Holy Week and the celebration of the mystery of our salvation. In baptism we're fused to this story; this week we make our way through it again, bringing us life in Christ.*

Passion Story at all Worship Hours  
 8:00am - Holy Communion  
 9:30 am - Blended Service  
 11:00 am - Holy Communion

#### **Good Friday - April 10**

*Tenebrae (Latin for "darkness") was the name given to the medieval predawn morning prayer celebrated by monks during the last three days in Holy Week. As the light began to dawn, the candles used for reading were gradually extinguished, so that at the end of the service, the rising sun provided the necessary light for reading and singing.*

#### **Maundy Thursday - April 9**

*It is the beginning of the Three Days, the ancient observance of the death and resurrection of Jesus. The Three Days begin with one liturgy extending from Thursday evening through Easter.*

First Communion for Fifth Grade and Middle School Youth  
 Confession and Forgiveness, Foot Washing and Holy Communion  
 Stripping of the Altar  
 6:30 pm Worship

*In our worship together, the extinguishing of candles has been placed within the reading of the Passion. After each reading, one of seven candles is put out.*

*As the service ends, only the Christ candle remains. As the church gathers to remember the death of Jesus, we focus not only upon the agony of the cross but especially upon God's victory through the crucified.*

Tenebrae Service of Light and Darkness  
 6:30pm Worship

#### **The Resurrection our Lord - April 12**

*The Lord is risen indeed! The open tomb of Jesus is the door to a new way of being in the world. On this new day, we rejoice and raise a joyful alleluia!*

6:00 am - Sunrise Service of Holy Communion  
 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am - Festival Services of Holy Communion

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# FELLOWSHIP

## Women's Ministry

<b>Lydia</b>	Wednesday, March 11	9:30 am
Lesson Leader:	Myrna Meister	
Hostess:	Lorna Berkland	
<b>Ruth</b>	Thursday, March 12	9:00 am
Lesson Leader:	Meri Jo Soe	
Hostess:	Gloriann Cerney	
<b>Faith</b>	Thursday, March 12	7:00 pm
Lesson Leader:	Eileen Thornburg	
Hostess:	Evelyn Perry	
<b>Grace</b>	Tuesday, March 17	7:00 pm

Lesson Leaders will be meeting on March 5, at 6:00 pm .

First Lutheran Women Board meeting March 26 at 7:00 pm.

Church Women United World Day of Prayer - Friday, March 6

# MEMBERS

## Births, Baptisms, Deaths, Marriages

### Baptisms

Morgan Jane Sintek February 15, 2009

Parents: Chris & Cory Sintek

Sponsors: Morgan's Aunts: Jenny Beaver, Joey Bohaboj,  
Becky Sintek, Jennifer Stuehm

### Deaths

*Our sympathy to family and friends of:*

Mary Jo Dart

Jeff & Carol Jacob on the death of Jeff's mother  
Jeanette Jacob.

# SERVICE

## How You Can Help

First Lutheran serves a meal once a month at **Care Corps Homeless Shelter** in Fremont. This month will be Tuesday, March 17th, at 5:30 pm. Watch the green sheets for ways that you can help or donate food.

**Low Income Ministry of Dodge County** will be collecting the following items during March: Toilet tissue, toothpaste, dish & laundry soap. Donations may be dropped off at 549 N. H. Use glass door on south side of the building.

**FLC Shopping Cart:** Non-perishable food items are collected for distribution to ministries supported by First Lutheran. The cart is now located in the Sunday School hallway near the NW door. Thank you for continuing to support the ministry of the grocery cart.

**Save your Hy-Vee receipts** for the preschool "Kash for Kids" program. Just drop your receipts in the Campbell soup container outside the preschool door.

# LETTERS

## What You're Saying to Us

Thanks for making our day! Steve and I loved getting the altar flowers for our wedding anniversary in January! Praise God for a loving and caring church family. What a pleasant surprise.

**Steve & Tami Hall**

Thank you so much for the ministry meals. They have been wonderful & given Al a break since he is now our cook. This is such a great means of ministry from our church. Thank you!

**Leanne Biesecker**

After receiving the guest book from the Ellen Eifert Benefit held at First Lutheran on November 16, 2009, we wish to thank the congregation for the generous donations and the efforts put forth in the set-up, running and clean-up for the benefit. We would like to thank FLC for allowing the benefit to be held in the church. Thanks for the various meals sent to the house, to Pastor Freund for the home communion and to the Altar Guild for the Altar flowers. You all are very special, caring people! Thank you,

**Ellen Kay & Tim Eifert**

Thank you for the ministry meal that we received after the birth of our daughter Morgan. It was really appreciated. Thanks again.

**Chris, Cory, Brody, Carter & Morgan Sintek**

Thank you for the Altar flowers and the pastoral visits.

**Kenneth J. Clausen**

We would like to express our appreciation for the delicious meal made for us by a Ministry Meals individual. It was such a nice treat to have a nutritious meal ready to be placed in the oven after our son was born. What a wonderful ministry!

**Jeff, Kristy, Rebekah, Sarah, & Jonah Voss**



A reminder to all First Lutheran households to turn on off **star-crosses**.

We will relight them on Easter Morning.

Together, we are shining bright with Christ's light!

Please mark your calendar! Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> –Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> is the **Fremont Relay for Life** for the American Cancer Society! First Lutheran Church will have a team and we need **YOU!** All ages are welcome! Please consider joining this most worth-while event! If you are unable to be a member of the team, please consider purchasing a Luminaria in honor or memory of a cancer patient or donating to the FLC Team! Any questions please contact Joy Horn (727-4209).

Are you worried about the starving people in the world? You can donate 1 cup of rice, wheat, maize or other staple food. EVERY DAY. Visit [www.thehungersite.com](http://www.thehungersite.com). Click the "Give Free Food" button on the screen and a contribution to the United Nations World Food Program will be donated by the sponsors of that web site. Make it a part of your daily routine. EVERY DAY. Remember to click every day to give help and hope to those with nowhere to turn. Every click counts in the life of a hungry person.

# COUNCIL MINUTES

February 2008

The February 2009 meeting of the Church Council was called to order by President Brian Brodd.

Nathan Clements presented opening devotions.

Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

## STEWARDS

The Stewards elected Michelle Beran as chairperson. The counting schedule was reviewed.

## DEACONS

The Deacons elected Roger Larsen as chairperson.

## TRUSTEES

The Trustees elected Brent Zuch as chairperson.

MSC to purchase 2 griddles for stovetop for use during pancake feeds.

Motion = Brent Zuch                      Second = Lana Larsen Hunke

## SECRETARY

MSC to accept the minutes as written.

Motion = Lana Larsen Hunke

Second = Mark McKenzie

## TREASURER

MSC to accept Treasurer's Report.

Motion = Michelle Beran

Second = Caryn Erickson

## SENIOR PASTOR'S REPORT

No Report

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No Report

MSC to adjourn.

Motion = Lana Larsen Hunke

Second = Michelle Beran

The Council closed with the Lord's Prayer..

Respectively Submitted

Nancy Christensen, Secretary

*A reminder of the rules for the church mailboxes...*

- ✓ Mailboxes are intended for distribution of information about ministry opportunities within the congregation.
- ✓ Items placed in mailboxes are asked to be mail-ready.
- ✓ Those placing information in the mailboxes are responsible for removing information not picked up after the event has taken place.

*Thank you for your cooperation!*

## STEWARDSHIP

Financial Giving

	General Fund Pledged Receipts			Building Fund Receipts		
	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009
January	45,393.50	53,355.50	49,293.50	12,636.99	10,907.50	12,977.00
Total to Date	45,393.50	53,355.50	49,293.50	12,636.99	10,907.50	12,977.00

	2009 General Fund			2008 General Fund		
	Receipts	Expenses	Net Income	Receipts	Expenses	Net Loss
January	51,704.68	46,426.28	5,278.40	58,834.11	60,206.17	(1,372.06)
Total to Date	51,704.68	46,426.28	5,278.40	58,834.11	60,206.17	(1,372.06)

Pledged giving is a little down to start the year however our expenses are down significantly compared to last year resulting in a better than normal profit of over 5K. As reported at the annual meeting, pledges are very strong this year, so the theme is "Meet Your Pledge". If everyone partakes, FLC will have an excellent year financially. Thanks to all who attended the annual meeting and congratulations to the new council members. Sincerely, Kent Speicher, Church Treasurer.

PS. The capital fund debt is down to \$125,000, please keep giving to the capital fund so we can retire this debt in 2009!!

## YOUTH Jr. & Sr. High Ministry

**FLYs** (First Lutheran Youth: 9-12th grade) **Meets every Wednesday** (*note change*) of the month in the youth room at 7:30 pm.

**FLY Marathon** - March 27 -28th

**FLY Exec. Board** meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month in the youth room at 7:00 pm (**Note time change**).

**FLY Bells** beginning Wednesday's at 9:00 pm.

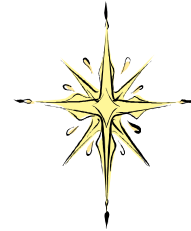
**Shackled Okoboji Recharge Trip** is for 6-12th grade youth - Friday, March 20, to Sunday, March 2. The cost of this trip is \$75. Deadline to register is March 8. Registration forms are available above the slotted mailbox, or contact Jeremy for more information. *"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of salvors."* Galatians 5:1

**Flip Flops (Middle School Ministry)** meets at Fremont Middle School on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. Volunteers are needed for tutoring children and to help out during snack. Contact Tami Hall for more information. Also needed are food items. Watch the green sheets.

**Calling all 6th-8th grade confirmation students** and their parents....We are having an overnighter on Saturday, April 18th, starting at 9:00 pm and ending on Sunday, April 19th, at 8:00 am. We are asking that the confirmation students bring one friend if they'd like. We really need parents of the confirmation students to volunteer to help make this a great experience for our kids. Can we count on you? Please sign your name if you would be willing to help with some part of this fun adventure. You will be called, and then you can determine in what area you would be willing to help.

Thanks so much, Overnighter committee

**Registration for ZOE** will be held on Sunday, March 1st from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Parents and students should attend the registration meeting. Registration forms will be available on Wednesday, February 18th. Feel free to call Kim Mitchell at 727-1850 or Amy Brandert at 721-2959 with any questions.



## HEALTH Of Special Concerns

March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. Early detection and prevention of colon cancer is essential. To aid in early detection free colon cancer-screening kits will be available at Fremont pharmacies March 1 through March 31. Pharmacies include A&A Drug, Food 4 Less, Hy-Vee, Miller Pharmacy—North, Miller Pharmacy—East, Wal-Mart and Walgreens. The American Cancer Society, Three Rivers District Health Department and Fremont Area Medical Center are making the kits available. After taking a stool sample at home, the kit is to be mailed to Fremont Area Medical Center's laboratory for processing at no charge. Results will be sent to the patient and their designated health care provider.

## PRAYERS Remembering ...

**First Lutheran staff prays** for five member families at their meeting each week. If you have a specific prayer request for your family, please call the church office to let us know of your concern. The following members and their families being prayed for throughout **March** are: Jeff & Carol Jacob, John James, Deb Jarecki, Gloria Jensen, Jerry Jensen, Margie Jensen, Dwayne & Niki Jesse, Alan & JoAnne Jessen, Bill Johnson, DaVal & Cheri Johnson, Erika Johnson, Kay Johnson, Kris & Marsha Johnson, Lance & Teresa Johnson, Lori Johnson, Paul & Liz Johnson, Lois Anne Julian, Til & Lil Jurgens, Lynn & Karen Kahnk, Roger & Kathy Kaup, Richard & Doris Keairnes, Dara Kelberlau, Merlin & Merna Kempke, Joe & Peg Kennedy, Verna Kimball, Beth Kindler, Dave & Kathy Kirby, Kraig & Erika Kirchmann, Sarah Klco, and Richard & Joyce Klebe.

We ask you to include these brave men and women in your prayers as well as the following members and friends of First Lutheran who continue in active service to their country:

**Cadet Bryce Christensen**, son of Dale & Jeannine Christensen  
**Specialist Stefan A. Fahrlander**, Grandson of Ray & Myrna Meister  
**LCDC Keith R. Hanson**, Son of Jim & Mary Ann Hanson  
**Sgt. Sarah Haskins**, Granddaughter of Larry & Mary Ann Thomas  
**CPL Garret D. Heitshusen**, friend of the congregation  
**2nd Lt. Ryan Hurt USMC**, nephew of Dave & Kathy Pinkall  
**Army Spc. Jared Kruse**, son of Jeff & Connie Elliott  
**Major Randall Morris**, son of Diane and Paul Morris

**ENFN Chase P. Nickels**, grandson of Delwyn & Anita Hasemann  
**Curtis Nissen**, grandson of Clarence & Dee Schakat  
**Sgt Scott Peterson**, son of Chuck & Lorie Peterson  
**Andrew Steffensmeier**, nephew of Scott & Bonnie Warner  
**Cody Stickman**, friend of the congregation  
**1st Lt. Johanna O'Toole**, granddaughter of Barbara Lanning  
**SFC Eldon Kuntzelman**, son of Rex and Vi Kuntzelman