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# Salem Chimes



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Dear Friends,

Seasonal Affective Disorder, SAD, is what we for years have called the winter blues. Winter has played a heavy hand this winter with cold, record snowfalls, and gloomy days. Yet within the Church, this is the Season of Light. Jesus, the Light of the world, is among us and radiating His light out to us and through us.

In January we celebrated the glorious feast of the Epiphany when Jesus, the Light of the World, was acknowledged by the Wise Men. I spoke of the long arduous journey they undertook for the sake of their enlightenment.

We, too, are each on our own arduous journey. No matter how close to God we are, no one has received all the epiphanies God has in store in this life. I shared with you a few Sundays ago one with which God surprised me. The greatest joy was the reminder that there are so many new ideas and experiences God has in planned for some unexpected moment.

This year Ash Wednesday is late because Easter is late, April 24, 2011. (By the way, do you know the date of Easter is set by the cycle of the moon?) Joyfully, we shall spend the entire month of February in the Season of Epiphany. In the Gospel we shall read stories of how Jesus is reaching out to bring His message of Good News to the world. Think of all those AHA! moments each of those people experienced. Can we expect anything less from God today?

Let us bask in the Season of Light and my prayer for each of you is that each of you has a new epiphany.

Peace,

*Pastor Bonnie*

Sunday Supply Pastor

# PARISH NOTES

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### Worship Schedule

Sunday School 9:30 a.m

Sunday Worship Service 10:30 a.m

## The Sharing Place Wish List

Pantry and clothing bank supplies are low at The Sharing Place, Lutheran Child & Family Services' material assistance ministry for families in need. The current wish list includes: canned meats, canned vegetables and fruit, pasta and spaghetti sauce, macaroni & cheese mix, crackers, cereal, and underwear and socks, **especially adult sizes.** Please deliver your donations to: Sharing Place East 7049 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street. For directions or for additional information, **please contact Mary Beth Trotter, Manager at 359-5467, ext. 215 or [mtrotter@lutheranfamily.org](mailto:mtrotter@lutheranfamily.org).**

## Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church Mission Statement

***Created by God to make Christ known, and filled with the Holy Spirit, Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church shall be a ministry of Jesus that, through word and sacrament::***

- † Strengthens and energizes individuals and families in the Christian faith;
- † Contributes to the growth of fellowship;
- † Equips and affirms individuals in their acts of ministry;
- † Encourages freedom of expression;
- † Encourages all members to participate in the tasks of common life; and
- † Is dedicated to bringing the strength of individual and collective Christian commitment to community involvement.

## Volunteering at The Sharing Place=Discipleship!

Now, more than ever, families are in need of assistance to help make ends meet. You can make a difference in the lives of others by donating your time and talent to The Sharing Place, a ministry of Lutheran Child & Family Services providing food and clothing to families in need. By helping "the least of these," you will discover new opportunities for discipleship as you outfit a family with gently used clothing or guide them through the pantry menu options.

**For more information or to volunteer, contact Leslie McCotry, Volunteer Resources Coordinator, at [volunteer@lutheranfamily.org](mailto:volunteer@lutheranfamily.org) or 359-5467, ext. 242.**

## 1836: Oh, what a year !

As I begin to write about the events of 1836 and the years soon to follow, we have just celebrated Epiphany, our Supply Pastors favorite Sunday. I am hopeful that you will perhaps experience a small “historical awakening” as together we indulge in some of the names, places and events at the time our historical church was founded.

In America prior to the 1836 national election, there was the formation of a new political party. The Whig Party, as you may recall, took its name from the Whig Party in England. They proclaimed that the United States now had its own tyrant in the person of President Andrew Jackson or “King Andrew the First”, as they liked to say. However, this new political party would not win the Presidential election of 1836. Rather, Martin Van Buren would become the 8<sup>th</sup> President of the United States. Interestingly, after President Van Buren took office, the country slipped into the worst economic depression it had ever known – the Panic of 1837. This might help explain why our first church was not completed until 1840.

Meanwhile back in Indiana, beginning with the spring of 1836 several families organized by Rev. Abraham Reck would meet at the home of John Klingensmith. These gatherings would continue until 1840, at which time a newly built but never fully completed church would serve as the place of worship for Hopewell Evangelical Lutheran Church. This first church was located at the site of our current cemetery at Guion Road and 62<sup>nd</sup> Street. It was not until several years later, 1859, that Hopewell Evangelical Lutheran Church would become known as Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Returning to the national scene in Texas during early March 1836, the Alamo was the site of a significant battle between Mexican forces under the direction of General Santa Anna and approximately 180 Texas defenders. While Mexican forces would prevail at the Alamo, some ten years later the United States would declare war on Mexico. Texas would gain statehood during December 1845 and, with more Americans living “out west”, the doctrine of Manifest Destiny became a powerful force in American politics. President James Polk would continue the expansionist period through February 1848 with the signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo where Mexico would receive \$15 million for relinquishing 500,000 acres.

Besides the expulsion of the remaining Indian population no major wars were underway in frontier Indiana. In 1836 there was no large city in Indiana. In fact, according to the 1840 census only three urban centers existed in Indiana, each having a population in excess of 2,500; they were Indianapolis, Madison and New Albany. By contrast, Cincinnati was a large city with tens of thousands of residents prior to 1830. During the 1830-1850 periods, the religious experience in Indiana was dominated primarily by Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist and Quaker denominations. Roman Catholics, Lutherans, and Episcopalians accounted for a considerably smaller number of worshippers. According to 1850 U.S. census data, there were 266,372 Methodists in 779 churches, 138,783 Baptists in 483 churches and 105,582 Presbyterians in 282 churches. In case you are wondering, there were 63 Lutheran churches with 10,650 worshippers. Ten of those 63 Indiana Lutheran churches were located in Marion County, and we know that Hopewell Evangelical Lutheran Church was one of the ten. Do I hear an AMEN?

Now a New Year has dawned and preparations are taking place to celebrate a long Christ centered ministry based on faith, hope and love. God has been generous to Salem and given us much to be thankful for over these many decades. The mission field still beckons us much like our ancestors were called during those early years. How will we answer?

Peace and Grace be with you,

Keith

## *Annual Meeting*

Sunday, February 27, 2011, Salem will hold her Annual Meeting immediately after Worship. This meeting is the annual report of the previous year and is a time to celebrate not only what we have accomplished in the past year but , more importantly, where we are headed in the future. Since 2011 is a major anniversary year for us, we shall learn of the exciting plans for celebration and growth in our Septaquinguecentennial year.

As good and faithful Lutherans, this event will, of course, involve food! Salem will provide the meat and drinks. You are asked to bring a covered dish that will serve a dozen folks.

You are all encouraged to join us on this day.

### *A Note from Pastor Bonnie*

I shall be away from you for most of February. As many of you know my daughter and her husband have decided to move to the province of Canton in Communist China to teach French to farmers at an agricultural college because they like Cantonese food. Do not ask! I have the opportunity to spend a few days with her in Las Vegas before she moves so I am going to take advantage of the opportunity. From there I am heading to Belize where my two dear friends will be waiting for me to help me drown my sorrow in their pool overlooking the Caribbean. I shall leave on February 7<sup>th</sup> and be back with you on February 27<sup>th</sup>.

### Worship and Music

The Council requested that we have Holy Communion on the Sundays Pastor Bonnie will be away and W&M agrees. Sean Rice has agreed to serve as Worship Leader on both Sundays, but as an unordained person, Sean does not have the ability to consecrate Holy Communion.

On Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Bonnie will consecrate extra elements (bread and wine). These will be respectfully reserved here at Salem to be distributed on February 13 and February 20. **Sean will not say the Words of Institution, consecrate or bless or the elements, he will only distribute them.**



Speaking of Holy Communion, have you noticed the rectangular wafer Pastor Bonnie holds us and the breaks into pieces when she distributes Communion? Bel found these in a cabinet. On each of them is one of four beautiful pictures. Each is a work of art. At the Annual Meeting we shall have them on display so you can see them up close and appreciate how truly lovely each one is.

## Tucson Tragedy

As I followed the tragic events in Tucson I listened to an interview with a woman who had driven from Phoenix to visit the scene. She made the statement, "You can see it on TV but when you are here it becomes a part of you." This statement struck me to the core and I realized that we do have someone who is there. I contacted Rosemary Rader and asked her to share her reflections as only she can do. Rosemary sent me a copy of a letter she had already sent to a friend and also wrote thoughts of each of the victims. I asked her permission to share these in the *Chimes* Rosemary graciously agreed. The following are her thoughts. PB

Dear Pastor Bonnie,

I am sending you a copy of a letter I wrote to a friend on Jan. 11. It explains our initial reaction to the tragedy here. As you can imagine, it has been painful but also heartening to read about all of the six victims who died, and about the survivors. In addition to the eulogies about them, we have read much in the AZ Daily Star about the lives of the people who died.

Hi Katherine!

Thank you for your prayers and concerns since Saturday's shooting. We are praying ourselves for healing for this whole city.

As you can imagine, people here were shocked by this tragedy. I spent most of Saturday morning writing a letter to my brother and his wife, to insert in their anniversary card. I also ordered a present for them by phone. Charlie was busy working on some photos and other things, so we did not even have a television on all day, until about 3:00 PM. I put it on to check the weather, as we were getting ready to go to church for the Saturday 5:00 PM service--the one we prefer, and which has mostly seniors in attendance. That is when we learned of the shooting.

I am sure you have seen the shopping center on TV coverage. It is about five miles from us and the site of our favorite Chinese restaurant. Next door is the medical building where my friend, Arlene's, doctor has her offices. One block from there is the office of the dentist I have seen twice, the one recommended to me by Barb Agresti's Mom, Lois. Across the street is the Whole Foods Store, a Starbucks, a couple of fine restaurants, and an upscale little shopping center called Casas Adobes. It is a nice middle-class area...not the type in which gun-play might be expected.

We were stunned, as we knew Rep. Giffords to be one of the Blue Dog Democrats, a person who supported the President's health care plan and opposed the discriminatory immigration law which the AZ legislature had approved earlier this year, but which the Supreme Court disallowed. We had seen her speak on a couple of news programs on MSNBC, which we often watch. She was articulate, a moderate in her attitudes, and most interested in maintaining an attitude of civil and polite discourse. She was re-elected this year, despite the major campaign against her run by the Tucson Tea Party. She has held many of these outdoor 'meet your congresswoman' affairs during the past four years. I don't know how accurate media portrayals have been, Katherine, but we suspected from the first that the shooter was probably mentally ill, and he has a long history indicating that is probably the case. He had contacted the congresswoman personally at a meeting in 2007, and found her to be unsatisfactory in his opinion. Many people, classmates at Pima Community College last year, high school friends, campus police and others knew of his outrageous and unacceptable behavior on campus, and certainly his "friends" on Facebook could attest, belatedly, to the growing craziness of his rants there. But, not one person called the mental health hotline here or did any other act of kindness and responsibility to get him help. His parents were apparently totally unaware of his growing illness and lack of touch with reality, and are devastated by his actions Saturday. Charllie has pointed out for years, since the closing of Central State Hospital in Indy, that our medical coverage for the mentally ill in this country is completely inadequate. We simply base everything about therapy and medication for these people on what their health insurance company will pay. This boy has used marijuana for years, almost died of alcohol poisoning in class at his high school, and probably has used other harder drugs since then. He has had two previous run-ins with the police for drug-related offenses, and the army refused him when he tried to enlist--most likely because of the drug use. But, somehow none of this appeared on any official record, nor sent him on for treatment anywhere, so he was able to legally buy a \$500 gun and the ammo for it to shoot people on Saturday. He had planned this event far in advance, apparently.

We went on to church Saturday. The sanctuary is under construction, to enlarge it, so services are in the community outreach building (read 'Fellowship Hall' in our old lingo). We arrived early, and Pastor Hartman recognized us from previous visits over the years, so stopped to chat with us before the service. At this service, two Gideons were scheduled to speak during the service. Pastor explained during the service that one of the two had been called to the hospital, as his cousin and the cousin's spouse had been shot that morning. The man who was shot had pushed his wife to the ground, then lay down on top of her to protect her. He died; later we learned she was shot several times in the leg, but she survived. The man who subdued the killer was an elderly retired army officer. He had been shot in the back of his head and, of course, bled profusely on himself and the shooter he was restraining until an elderly lady ran into Safeway and returned with paper towels to use as a pressure bandage for his head. I'm sure you have heard about the providence of the presence of a twenty-year-old aide of Rep. Giffords. He only recently completed a college course in triage and first aid, so he ran immediately to Gabby despite the hail of bullets, propped her upright against the front wall of the store to stem bleeding into the brain, and talked to her to keep her conscious until the ambulance personnel arrived. He has only worked for the congresswoman for three months. The stories of courage and compassion of those present go on and on...that is worth knowing. I don't think we will ever know what made the shooter escalate from having no confidence in Rep. Giffords in 2007, to deciding only two-months ago that she needed to die. Personally, I blame the hate-filled speeches of Sarah Palin, Bill O' Reilly and Rush Limbaugh prior to the midyear elections. The congresswoman was one of those who in Sarah Palin's ads was shown with a bullseye on her. Mentally unbalanced people who are urged by television personalities to 'target' a politician may, in fact, take it literally.

So, in every congregation of churches and synagogues around town, someone knew another who was connected to this awful tragedy. It has wounded people here as much as the 911 attack on NY wounded the country. I hope that the presence of President Obama and his wife will bring some peace to people here, but politics divides many people, and the issue of gun control looms large right now. I had already commented to Charlie that the failure by congress to renew controls on these types of assault weapons was going to be remembered, in light of this tragedy. Today I heard that steps are being taken to bring back that anti-assault weapon legislation to the House.

Today I baked bread, washed my hair, and Charlie turned on the pool heater, as we will soon have temps. in the seventies again, so we can return to the pool. Life seems to go on, even when your heart aches--sadly, it is something we have all learned.

Take good care of yourself in all that snow and cesspool of germs at the ISO!

Love,  
Rosemary

### Other Thoughts from the *Arizona Daily Star*

Most were active church members. Mr. Stoddard, the man who lay on top of his wife to protect her, was the "Mr. Fix-it" for Mountain Avenue Church of Christ. Though a 79 year-old retiree, he had fallen through the ceiling more than one time while doing repairs on the aging building, and had recently survived a fall from a ladder there when he was working on a new children's room. He was at the church several days a week doing odd-jobs and comforting people who had lost their homes and jobs in the recession. He was a fourth-generation Arizonan, from a ranching family. He and his wife had been sweethearts in grade school, but went on to marry others. After the death of their spouses, they met again fifteen years ago and married. He has four boys from his first marriage, and several step-children from the second. He and his wife were at the "Congress on your Corner" event to thank Rep. Giffords for listening to ranchers on the border.

You have read, I am sure, about Christina-Taylor Green, the nine year-old third grader who sang in her church choir at St. Odilia's Catholic Church. She had just celebrated her first communion in the spring. Christina was born on September 11, 2001, and had recently been included in *Faces of Hope*, the book about children born that day; President Obama quoted some things from the book when he spoke at the University of Arizona. Christina was an outstanding Little League baseball player; her paternal grandfather, Dallas Green, was a major league pitcher, and later manager of the Philadelphia Phillies in 1980 when they won the World Series. Her maternal grandmother, Yolanda Segalini, had campaigned and helped raise money for Barack Obama's campaign in 2008 and had instilled in her granddaughter the desire to help others. Mrs. Segalini had died unexpectedly in 2009. Christina recognized that there was inequality in the world, and had already told her parents she was interested in having a career where she could help the less fortunate. So, she was very excited about the opportunity to meet her Congresswoman. She was fond of saying to her parents, "We are so blessed. We have the best life."

Phyllis Schneck was a mainstay at Northminster Presbyterian--a knitter and skilled seamstress, she made custom aprons for friends and church bazaars. She had her knitting and crafting group meeting on Tuesdays, and Wednesdays were reserved for her quilting group. She had her hair done on Fridays, before lunching with a grief group. She felt church was her rock. Like Dory Stoddard, she was an active 79 year-old retiree. She had three grown children who all lived in other states. She had recently had a hip replacement. Though she was a Republican, she had spoken with Rep. Giffords on a conference call last spring and been very impressed. She did not just vote for Giffords, but often talked about her to friends and neighbors. She was killed instantly at the "Congress on your Corner" event.

Judge John Roll, age 63, was a native Tucsonan. He was a man who enjoyed a routine. He rose at 5:30 each day for breakfast, would walk his two basset hounds, then swim at the Northwest YMCA. He and his wife were about to celebrate their forty-first wedding anniversary. He was a man of deep faith, who had attended a Roman Catholic elementary school and high school. During the eighties he had trained to be a lector. He was a lector at SS. Peter and Paul parish and at St. Thomas the Apostle. As he did every Saturday, he went to morning mass on January 8. After mass he returned home, but left again at about 9:55 saying he was "going to drop in at the Congress on your Corner" event and would be home soon. He wanted to thank his friend, Rep. Giffords, for helping him to secure funding for the new courthouse about to be built in Yuma.

Gabe Zimmerman, age 30, could talk about anything, his colleagues say. He was able to establish an instant rapport with just about anyone. And he would help anyone he could, seeing his political work as an extension of social work, which was the subject of his master's degree. He was excited about the wedding plans he and his fiancé were making for Spring 2012. He was efficient and prompt at work; he came early to the "Congress on your Corner" event, the first of twenty he had planned for Rep. Giffords in the next few months. He set up the tables and chairs, organized the people who arrived for the meeting into a line, and was standing near the Congresswoman when she was shot. He lunged toward her to help her, and was shot himself. He was killed instantly.

Dorothy Morris, age 76, and her husband, George, were high school sweethearts. She was born and raised in Reno, Nevada, and grew up with horses. George was in the Marines in the sixties, then worked as a pilot for Pan Am and United. For their fortieth anniversary, he flew her to Paris to celebrate, using his on-board PA system to wish her a "Happy Anniversary"

when the clock struck midnight. Their two married daughters live in Las Vegas, and had spoken with them by phone on Friday. George had several questions for Rep. Giffords, issues he wanted to discuss with her. He was very concerned about the future of our country for his children and grandchildren. When the shooting began, he threw Dot to the ground, diving for her. But, she was already dead. George was seriously wounded, and sent to the U. of A. Medical Center.

I think the grief has been difficult for a lot of people here, because all of these people seem like neighbors and friends we know. Ordinary people, but each with a life story, talents, and interests we might share. The grief counselors who worked all week with Safeway employees say that most of the survivors and the wounded will have trouble getting on with their lives, unless they get some counseling. Those who have been shot, in their experience, involuntarily relive the moment over and over again for years. It will not be easy for survivors to overcome the feeling of guilt. I have already read of two people who intended to be there that day, but did not go. Even they are feeling guilty, thinking, "that could have been me." So, prayers are needed for all of us here. Tucson began as a Spanish Catholic mission in the 1700's with the building of St. Xavier del Bac, the "white dove of the desert." Religion has always been vividly present in this wild west community, and faith is what is sustaining many people right now. Several of the participants in today's MLK march said that there was a new sense of wanting to talk to the strangers who had gathered to mark this day...to talk of peace and and serious subjects, not just a casual greeting.

I hope that the "Tucson tragedy" will result in more concern in every individual about treatment for the mentally disturbed. We all need to assume responsibility for people we see who are out of control. Health care for the mentally ill in this country is broken, and needs to be fixed.

I also hope that more stringent controls will again be placed on the sale of assault weapons. If the shooter had been unable to buy larger magazines for his gun, fewer people might have been killed. If the restrictions on gun control were tighter, he might not have been able to buy a gun at all.

I have no complete answers for those who asked why this happened. A friend of mine says we learn from every life experience, good or bad. So, I hope we have all learned to step up to replace the good people who have died, to be more considerate of each other, and to remember that any moment may be your last moment with people you love...so make sure you tell them how much you love them.

Peace to you!

Rosemary

Rosemary,

Thank you for the time and effort you took to put this together for us. Your thoughtful and beautiful words have given us an unique perspective that other churches do not have. We shall continue to lift the people of Tuscon in our prayers as they begin the long and slow process of healing.

Enjoy your time in the warm weather and we look forward to your returning to us.

PB

### **Zachary Parker, USMC**

On January 28<sup>th</sup>, Zach graduated from Basic Training for the United States Marine Corps with proud parents Rick and Stacey in the audience. Here is a photo of the big event.



## **HOPE for Salem and the ELCA**

The 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee and the Congregation Council are working on a theme for our milestone year that may include the word "hope." The council thanks you for your faithful giving in 2010 that keeps the hope alive – and we alert you to the needs as we begin a new calendar year.

Last year was not an ordinary year for expenses. We borrowed \$25,000 from our savings to pay our salaries, utilities and ministry needs during the first half of 2010, when we had a full-time pastor. We have been blessed the last half – with the income covering the expenses most of those months. We have not asked the congregation for pledges to support this year's budget – but we pray that you will continue to contribute a percentage of your income at the same or higher level.

The council voted last year to suspend the payment of our monthly synod benevolence contribution for the months when we did not have the money. In January this year, the council voted to send the Indiana-Kentucky Synod the remainder of our 2010 synod benevolence budget before the end of their fiscal year in February 2011. Despite cutbacks in income, the I-K Synod has provided Salem with much valuable guidance and help during our vacancy. The council was moved, therefore, to make sure we give them our full 2010 support.

We invite you to give, as you are able, assistance to these ministries by designating the contribution on your offering envelope or any pew envelope for one of these areas. Please remember the February deadline if you wish to help pay Salem's 2010 synod benevolence amount.

On your check or envelope please write:  
SYNOD BENEV. to help support our \$1,800 contribution shortfall to the I-K Synod.

Devoe Slisher

Charlie Rader

# 175th Celebration

Greetings,

The committee to celebrate the 175<sup>th</sup> Celebration of the Salem Lutheran Church met on Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. Those in attendance were Susan and Keith Kunze, Devoe Slisher, Cynthia Haverstick, Rhunell Gruender, and myself.

Shrove Tuesday will be our first sponsored event with a Pancake Supper. The date is March 8<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30 – 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. There will also be a display of photos and memorabilia as we begin to celebrate this special celebration year, and remember the rich heritage of Salem.

Devoe Slisher has started collecting photos or items of interest that can be returned to the owners later. They will be used for a display. If you have something we can use contact Devoe at 459-7561, or approach him at church. We thank you so much.

In His service,

Diane Martenet

## **Sharing Bishop Hanson's Sermon**

Join us on February 13, as the Sunday morning discussion group views the message of ELCA Bishop Mark S. Hanson as delivered in Indianapolis on September 11. Hot coffee will be brewing as we begin at 9:30 am in the library/conference room.

**Do you know someone looking for a job?**

**Carmel Lutheran Church is holding a seminar on job hunting strategies on Saturday, February 5, from 8:30—11:30 a.m. The seminar topic is on Job Hunting Strategies and Campaign Plans with emphasis on how people get jobs in this challenging business climate. Career searches have changed and this seminar will aid those considering a career change in 2011 or are already engaged in an active search to present their skills and interests in a clear manner to get noticed.**



**Please remember our shut-ins when sending your Valentine Cards.**

Aileen Blue      Johanne Ely      Ed and Marian Hightshue  
Bethel Hendrix      Sara Jacobs      Tom Alexander      Ray Lamb  
Ernestine Allen (her current address is 7001 Hoover Road, 46260)

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**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Amanda Agresti	2/7
Julie Rice	2/17
Adam Haverstick	2/19
Angela Agresti	2/26
Rhunell Gruender	2/26
Rosanne Iles	2/26

**JANUARY VISITORS**

VISITORS	RETURN VISITS
6	3

February 22

**NewsLetter**  
**DEADLINE**

## February Worship Serving Schedule

FEBRUARY	LAY ASSISTANT	LECTOR	ACOLYTE	NURSERY	USHER	GREETER
6	Laura Morgan	Diann Ryan	Timm Parker		Harry Bowden	Keith Kunze
13	Sean Rice	Sean Rice	Timm Parker		Julie Rice	Julie Rice
20	Sean Rice	Sean Rice	Timm Parker		Julie Rice	Julie Rice
27	Laura Morgan	Devoe Slisher	Timm Parker		Burt Hall	Bel Hedlund

Please make a note in your personal calendar so that we may count on your availability to serve. If for some reason you are unable to serve, please call the church office (291-5004) so that we can find a replacement.



# FEBRUARY 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Joshua Kunze	2 Karin Kunze	3 Raymond Lamb	4 Nathan Littlefield	5 Garrett Lowery
6 Patricia McElroy	7 Laura Morgan	8 Lee Morrow	9 David & Elaina Mundt; Adam, Alan, Alaxandar, JoAnna Mae	10 Robert & Genevieve Pagel	11 Stacey Parker; Erin, Zachary, Travis, Timothy, Anastacia	12 Charles & Rosemary Rader
13 Bonnie Ribley	14 Patrick & Julie Rice; Joshua, Johnathon	15 Amber Riddle; Gabrianna, Gavin, Tristan	16 Joshua Rivera; Melanie, Nelson	17 James Ross	18 Norma Ross	19 Diann & William Ryan
20 Richard Sceniak	21 Devoe Slisher	22 Jan Snowden	23 Geraldene Sterrett	24 Chila Van De Mark	25 Cecil Van Note	26 Alex Vance
27 Kelsey Vance	28 Francesco & Amy Varela; William, Benjamin					



# FEBRUARY 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Ground Hog Day	3 Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	4	5
6 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:45 M & W Team	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17 Anniversary Committee at Martenet 7:00	18	19 Game Night 5:30 Food 6:00 Games
20 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	21 President's Day	22 Chimes Deadline	23	24	25	26
27 930 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Annual Meeting Fried Chicken and Pottuck Dinner	28					

# FEBRUARY 2011

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