A Mote from Rev. Deb Roberts

"Jesus, make it warm!"

Dear Friends,

In the hardy Midwest, we come to the season of Lent in the depths of winter. By mid-February we feel as if winter's grip will never let us go. This is especially true this year! The Lenten idea of taking on some new spiritual discipline or giving up some favorite thing as a way of drawing closer to our Lord may just seem beyond us. After all, we are enduring this long, bitter and snowy winter, are we not? Haven't we already given up warmth and sunshine?! It requires daily discipline to get up, get out there and get through the day!

There is a sweet, humorous YouTube video making the rounds these days. A young boy of about 6 is sent outside to help clear the snowy sidewalk in front of the house. He is buried in multiple layers of clothing but his face is ruddy with cold and effort. A sturdy shovel in hand, he chinks away at the crusty, white path. Suddenly, he stops, looks around, looks up and bellows ..."Jeeeesus, make it warm"! Then, taking a big breath and another look around, the boy goes back to the task before him. Watchers of this short video resonate immediately I am sure... "That's right - you tell it like it is little guy"! I was impressed that he didn't throw his shovel across the yard and stomp off nor yell at someone else who clearly must have been nearby. The boy simply breathed deep and went back to it.

After a giggle or two, I felt encouraged by the young boy's determination. I also thought he called on the right person in the midst of his challenges. In the end I believe it is the Lord himself who brings us warmth and hope in the depths of winter. How often we are called to take that deep breath and return to the tasks before us. I thought of Jesus putting his face to the wind and looking toward Jerusalem and to the work of God before him.

We will see the end of winter. We will set our eyes upon the horizon that leads us to Easter and the Lord's Resurrection and the renewal of all life.

Why not allow this season of Lent to equip us with stamina and strength, with prayer and hope for all the challenges and tasks ever before us?

"Lord Jesus", we might pray, "make us warm by your presence, by trusting your promises to us and always, by your holy example of love." Amen? Amen.

Yours in Christ, Deb

March Sermon Series: "Give Up Something Bad for Lent"

Many Christians give up something for Lent as a spiritual discipline: things like alcohol or caffeine or sweets. But this Lent, what if we set ourselves to give up truly bad things: things like envy or self-pity or pettiness? Using James W. Moore's "Give Up Something Bad for Lent," this year's Lenten sermon series will challenge us to pray with the hope that if we can give up that bad thing for forty days then maybe, just maybe, God can give us the strength to give it up forever.

March 9:	"Give Up Something Bad for Lent" Scripture: Read Matthew 5: 29-30; 16:26 Lenten Choral Cantata at 9:00 and 10:30 am	
March 16:		
	Scripture: Read Matthew 7:1-5	
March 23:	"Give Up the Enemies Within for Lent"	
	Scripture: Read Luke 11:37-52	(
March 30:	"Give Up Running Away for Lent:	
	Scripture: Read Luke 9:10-17	
April 6:	"Give Up a Bad Habit for Lent"	
	Scripture: Read Luke 19:1-10	
April 13:	"Give Up Pettiness for Lent"	
	Scripture: Read Luke 6:32-26	
April 20,	EASTER SUNDAY	
	"The Point of Deepest Need"	
	Scripture: Read John 21:15-19	



Ash Wednesday Services

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 5. Each year this day in the Christian calendar marks the time after Jesus baptism of temptation, fasting and wilderness.

For 40 days and nights Jesus contended with the kingdoms of the world over and against God's kingdom. The words of Isaiah 9 reassert themselves in heart and mind as we consider what he understood. He was to become - "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."...our Emmanuel.

Two Ash Wednesday Service Opportunities - March 5:

At River Glen, our sister church 7:00 pm - 1140 Raymond Drive, Naperville, IL 60563

At Knox, Family Friendly Ash Wednesday 7:00 pm - Knox Sanctuary



Adult Education

SUNDAYS:

<u>A Study of Revelation</u> Leader: Jim Clinton

10:30 am in Room 202

What do you think of when someone mentions the book of Revelation. Beasts! Cataclysm! Destruction! The great battle with the Antichrist!

What if I told you that Revelation was a book of comfort, joy, encouragement and rejoicing? What if I told you Revelation is a logical presentation consistent with much of both the Old and New testaments? Are you aware of the tremendous influence Revelation has had on western thought, art and music (Handel's Hallelujah Chorus, When the Saints Go Marching In)?

Last Autumn this class raced through the video course "The Apocalypse: Controversies and Meaning in Western History." We found the course so meaningful and inspirational that we wanted to do it slower and savor the content. Please join us to explore the meaning of this controversial and misunderstood book.

- 3/2 Revelation and the Apocalyptic Tradition
- 3/9 Apocalyptic Worldview in Judaism
- 3/16 Apocalyptic Dimension of Early Christianity
- 3/23 Origins of the Book of Revelation
- 3/30 Issues Facing the First Readers

The Way Leader: Brooks Reid

9:00 am in the Sr. High Room

This group will be finishing the video study on Dietrich Bonhoeffer on March 2. They will then take part in the study that partners with the Lenten Sermon Series - <u>Give Up Something Bad for Lent</u> by James W. Moore beginning on March 9. New participants are always welcome!

Sunday Night Small Group Leader: Frank Mayer

7:00 pm in Middle School Room

On March 9 this group will begin the study that partners with the Lenten Sermon Series - <u>Give Up</u> <u>Something Bad for Lent</u> by James W. Moore. New members are welcome. Contact Frank Mayer at fjmayerxge@comcast.net for details.

TUESDAYS:

Men's Study of The Gospel of Luke Leader: Frank Mayer

9:00 am in the Parlor

Contact Frank Mayer at fjmayerxge@comcast.net for details.

Breaking Free: The Journey, The Stories by Beth Moore Leader: Sue Curry

9:00 am in Room 202

September through March, contact Sue at curry.sue21@gmail.com for details.

Bible Study: Forgiveness Leader: Rev. Deb Roberts

1:15 - 2:30 pm in Rev. Deb's office

"Forgiveness – Finding Peace Through Letting Go" By Adam Hamilton

Theology on Tap Leader: Eric Heinekamp

7:30 at Hopvine Brewing Company

Reading and discussing "The Way" by Adam Hamilton. We are meeting at Hopvine Brewing Company, 4030 Fox Valley Center Dr, in Aurora. All are welcome.

WEDNESDAYS:



Women on Wednesdays continues the study of the book of James using Beth Moore's James: Mercy Triumphs. Topics in this study include: joy, hardship, faith, reversal of fortunes for rich and poor, wisdom, gifts from above, single-mindedness, the dangers of the tongue, humility, and prayer. It is still not too late to join us in this exciting study. WOW welcomes women of all ages and Bible knowledge and includes childcare and activities

for infants through Kindergarten. We meet on Wednesdays from 9:15-11:15 am in Fellowship Hall and would love to have you join us! Contact Margaret Lambka mllambka2@gmail.com or Robin Kolar skolar7227@aol.com for more information.

<u>Wednesday Evening Women's Bible Study</u> Leader: Rev. Deb Roberts 7:00 - 8:30 pm in Rev. Deb's office

THURSDAYS:

Daybreakers Leader: Rev. Clinton Roberts 6:00 am in the Coffee Bar

Bible Study: The Gospel of Luke: Leader: Rev. Cindy Karis

9:30 – 11:00 am in the Middle School Room We began a new study On Thursday, January 9, 2014 - the <u>Gospel of Luke</u> by Horace Weaver. Child care is provided. Please email ckaris@knoxpres.org or call her at 630-615-4308 if you are interested in joining this class.

A Bereavement Workshop - All are welcome to join us on Thursday nights from 7:30-9 pm in Rev. Deb's office through March. If you or someone you know has lost a loved one in the past few years and would like to understand the healing process, please call or email Pastor Cindy Karis 630-615-4308 or ckaris@knoxpres.org. One of our trained Stephen Ministers will also co-facilitate.

Book Club will meet Tuesday, March 11, 7:30 pm, in the home of Fran Lukes (2153 Lancaster Cir., Apt. 101A). We will be discussing Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn, a modern day thriller. Our selection for April is "The Roots of the Olive Tree" by Santo. New readers, as well as book recommendations, are welcome any time throughout the year. Book club will continue to meet the second Tuesday evening of each month. Contact Janice Wiles at 630-416-9537 or email wilesjan@gmail.com with any questions.





Chick Flick resumes, Friday March 14, with the film Eat, Pray, Love. Lively discussion to follow!

Dinner 6:15, Movie 7pm Advance reservation required. \$8 charge for dinner, menu will be Italian. Sign-up on-line or in the Commons.

Liz Gilbert (Roberts) had everything a modern woman is supposed to dream of having - a husband, a house, a successful career - yet like so many others, she found herself ed. and searching for what she really wanted in life. Newly divorced

lost, confused, and searching for what she really wanted in life. Newly divorced and at a crossroads, Gilbert steps out of her comfort zone, risking everything to change her life, embarking on a journey around the world.

PLEASE CLICK HERE TO REGISTER



Presbyterian Women's 2014 Retreat

Find your inner JOY at the Presbyterian Women's 2014 retreat at the beautiful LaSalle Manor in Plano, IL, May 2-4! Enjoy great fun, delicious food and lasting fellowship in an idyllic setting. With lots of free time you can

walk the labyrinth, sit alongside the Big Rock Creek, take a leisurely stroll on the beautifully landscaped grounds or just rest and reflect. We are privileged to have Rev. Barbara Carmichael lead us through our study again this year and sincerely hope you will join us. The registration fee \$175 includes meals and study supplies. Sign up dates will be March 30, April 6 and April 13 in the Commons Area.

Your Naperville Favorites!

In planning for a spectacular Opportunity Knox Dinner, Silent and Live Auction on October 24, the OK Committee is taking names and addresses of your Naperville area favorite things and places to do, see, shop and dine! Further, if you would be willing to write a personal note on the letter we will be sending to your favorites, please indicate that on a note you can put in the PW box in the workroom or send an email to or phone Betty Barcheski at betty@barcheski.com; 630-369-0934.



Presbyterian Women's Annual Flower Sale Thursday May 8 Forms and more information available soon.

Mary Martha Circle Mary Martha Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 11, at 9:00 am at Nancy Whitmer's home (2728 Wolf River Ct). Come and join us!! Please contact Ineke Pelella at 630.357.3350 for more information.

Rachel-Rebekah Circle will gather Tues, March 11, at 9:30 at the home of Mary Ellen Kelly, 1447 Swansea Ct, for fellowship, goodies and Bible study. Please read lesson 7 from our study book "An Abiding Hope". Plans will be discussed for new and current mission projects and upcoming events.

If you can join us March 11, RSVP **"YES"** to Mary Ellen at WK1444@aol.com or 630-357-8597. She can give directions if needed. Please come!

We had great fun baking, making crafts together and setting up and helping the Presbyterian Women's "Valentines Bake Sale" on Sunday morning, Feb 9. Thank you so much for making it such a 'sweet success' for missions and having a nice goodie to give to that 'special someone' for Valentine's Day!

Missians at Knax

Spring is coming, have faith...

Knox will again be working with Wayside Cross Ministries to host our 6th Annual "Fill-A-Truck" Sunday. Clean your closets, dresser drawers, and storage areas. Give the men and women of Wayside Cross your outgrown or ratty clothes. This year the event is scheduled for Sunday, May 4.

So save up your clothes and gently used children's toys and bring them to Knox on May 4.

Arrangements can be made for furniture pick-ups by calling Wayside Cross Ministries at 630-892-4239 or filling out the form on the WCM website, www.waysidecross.org . If you have any questions about this event or Wayside Cross Ministries, call Gary McGregor at (630) 926-2603.





Every third Thursday of each month join other members of Knox at Hopvine Brewing Co (4030 Fox Valley Center Drive, Aurora (next to The Comedy Shrine)) for lunch or dinner! The next day at Hopvine Brewing Co is March 20. Mention Knox Go and Serve (or provide the coupon below) to your server and Knox Go and Serve will receive 10% of your dining bill! Extra coupons are available in the Commons Area. Friends and family welcome!

Plan to have your car hand washed and dried by our Go and Serve youth on May 18th during the morning services. (Rain date June 1)



We are in full fundraising mode for our Go and Serve mission trip planned for June 8 - 14. Watch our progress on our fundraising thermometer located in the Commons Area. Thank you for helping our youth Go and Serve this summer!

Please hand this coupon to your server to ensure that Knox receives credit for your meal.



Knox's Annual Adult Mission Trip



WHEN: WHERE: ACCOMMODATIONS: WORK PROJECTS: COST: May 3 – 10, 2014 New Orleans, LA Parkway Presbyterian Church Project Homecoming \$450, includes airfare, ground transportation, housing, food, and payment to Project Homecoming

Scholarships are available.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 2, 2014

Registration forms are available on the Knox web site or paper copies will be in Bev Mayer's office. Include a copy of driver's license and insurance card with payment/registration forms.

Informational meeting to be announced. For questions or additional information, contact Jeneane Ryan 630-631-9702 or Ed Wiles 630-310-2003.

Loaves & Fishes

The next Hunger Sunday is March 2. The donation theme for this month is:

"Moo-la" – raising money to purchase dairy – milk, cheese, butter and yogurt. Donations can be left in or near the Loaves & Fishes bin next to the Mission Council table. Thank you!





Hesed House

There was a segment on 60 Minutes recently about the 100,000 Homes Campaign, a national program to get chronically homeless people into apartments and off the street. Economically, it's a good idea. If people have a place to live, they are less likely to get sick and go to the emergency room, where one day can cost an entire month's rent. In a broader sense, it provides safety -- and with that sense of safety, people can start moving forward with their lives. Everyone must pay 30% of

whatever they earn, whether it be from a job or a social security check, toward their rent. Anderson Cooper did this story, and he shared how his view of homeless people changed as a result. You can see this segment at http://www.cbsnews.com/news/anderson-cooper-how-i-see-homeless-people-now/.

As you know, people end up homeless for many reasons, not all of which relate to what they did or did not do. Sometimes it's just terribly bad luck. But most always it's because they have lost their support system, something we all rely on when we are beset by troubles, no matter what they may be. Hesed House provides the last support system for most of the people there, and by supporting Knox's mission on the fourth Saturday of each month; *you* make a critical contribution to this support system. It could not continue without you. Please join us either by staffing a shift or providing a meal. Signups are in the Commons. And if you have a moment, take a look at the video. It offers a very valuable perspective.

Please join other members for service and fellowship by signing up for a shift or providing a dish. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the Commons.

Next Volunteer Night: March 22

6:00 pm 11:00 pm 3:00 am



Women's Prison Ministry Mother's Day Project 2014

Again this year, we are joining with "Companions Journeying Together, Inc." to provide gift packets of stationary & note cards for women in prison. This kit allows women in prison to write to their children & other love

ones and thus strengthen the family bond.

** A collection box is located on the Mission table by the Coffee Bar. Collections will end March 20 **

Assembly of gift packets is Fri, March 21 at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 1313 N. Mill St., Naperville from 9 am to noon. Please join us for this worthy mission.

For more info: Mary Ellen Neumeister at 630-357-8328 or meansmimi@aol.com

We are collecting:

- pens... single cell like bic sticks...no click pens or metal on them
- stationary...need not be complete sets
- Cards...blank, thank you, thinking of you, Mother's day...newish & not yellowed...not square or needs extra postage
- gallon zip lock bags
- postage stamps/ books of postage stamps
- handmade or stamped cards are appreciated...just no glue
- Prison rules require....no stickers, glue, tape or paste on envelopes or cards, please.

A thank you note from last year:

"I was sitting alone thinking of my poor mother who is always there for me, wishing I could send her a card for Mother's Day. I know she is at home worrying about me in prison, and that makes me all the more depressed. All of a sudden I received this package of cards from an officer on day shift. The Lord heard me and answered me. I wanted to thank you from my heart for these wonderful cards. Know that I appreciate the time and effort you have put into this to make it happen. May God bless you." Valerie

Children's Ministries



Sunday School Calendar:

March 23: Sunday School at 9:00 will meet as usual. Ö At 10:30, only the Preschool Class will meet so that the older children can enjoy the JAM Musical during the 10:30 Service. Ö

March 30: Sunday School will meet.

Remember at Knox, children are always welcome in worship. When SS doesn't meet, children up to PreK are also welcome in childcare.

One Great Hour of Sharing - Fish Banks



- During Lent, Children's Ministries will be collecting for One Great Hour of Sharing using their Fish Banks.
- Banks will be handed out at the Family Ash Wednesday Service and at Sunday School on March 9. After that they will be in a basket on a table in the Commons.
- Collection will be on Easter at all services.

NEW SHP (Safe Haven Policy for Working with Children) TRAINING SESSIONS SCHEDULED

Anyone planning to serve in Knox's Youth or Children's Ministries must comply with the requirements of the Knox Safe Haven Policy (adopted August 2012). These requirements are:

- 1. Read the SHP Policy and sign the Policy's Covenant Statement
- 2. Complete a Volunteer Application which is the last page of the SHP
- 3. Attend a SHP Training Session

Volunteers are required to comply with the SHP requirements every 3 years. So, if you attended a Training Session less than 3 years ago, you need only comply with steps 1 and 2 above. If it has been more than 3 years since you attended a Training Session, you need to comply with all 3 steps above.

Completed paperwork is to be dropped in the secure metal drop box which is located on the landing outside of the receptionist's office. This landing is at the top of the half flight of steps which are just inside of the front doors.

If you need to meet the above requirements...

- \succ You can pick up a copy of the Knox SHP from the sign-up tables or church office.
- > Before attending a Training Session, read the Policy and bring it with you to the session.

Available Training Dates: Sunday, March 2 @ 11:30 am in the Parlor Wednesday, March 12 @ 6:30 pm in the Library Sunday, March 23 @ 11:30 am in the Parlor

Touch the Water & Taste the Bread.

Learn about Baptism & the Lord's Supper.

Sunday, March 16 - 3:30 to 5:30 pm Families can attend all together or one adult with a child. Recommended for children in First to Fourth Grade

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ONLINE.



If your child is not in this age range but you feel this would be meaningful for your family, please join us. For questions, contact Jane Burkelman at jburkelman@knoxpres.org or 630-615-4303

Ash Wednesday Family Service March 5 7:00 – 7:30 pm – All are welcome!

Please join us for a family worship service on Ash Wednesday in the sanctuary. This service will follow a special lesson during the Wednesday Evening program that will focus on explaining Ash Wednesday. If you are not already a part of the Wednesday Evening but would like to participate in this event you may sign up as a guest. Wednesday Evenings is a program for Kindergarten to 8th Grade.

One Great Hour of Sharing Fish Banks will be passed out during this service as a mission during Lent.

Pre-school Play Group – Come meet other young families! Families of Toddlers and Preschoolers -



Pre-school Play Group - Come meet other young families!

Want to get out of the house and meet other young families of Knox? Then join us for a time for parents and kids to play and socialize. Many toys will be put out for the kids during this open house play group.

March 15 – 10:00 am – 11:30 am April 26 – 10:00 am - 11:30 am



KIDS MUSICAL FOR 3rd – 5th Graders FISH TALES

The third, fourth, and fifth grade JAM choir will present their spring musical, "Fish Tales" on <u>Sunday, March 23</u> at the 10:30 am worship service. Adults and children of all ages will love grabbing their gear and heading to the "Fish Tales Fishing Tournament" to hear Bible stories that are anything but "fishy!" The songs used to tell these stories are guaranteed to "hook" both the singers and the congregation. The message of the musical is *gratitude* in the story of the feeding of the 5,000, and of God's *patience* with a doubting world as we remember Jesus' resurrection. Please come

and thank the children for all their hard work this semester on Wednesday nights. Any questions – Nancy Fry nancy_fry@ipsd.org or 630-983-1650

VBS Save the Date! JUNE 16 - JUNE 20

Middle School Fellowship



Airtastic – We have the whole place to ourselves! Date: Saturday, March 22 Time: 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm Cost: \$20.00 Airtastic, 850 S Frontenac Rd, Aurora, IL 60504

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ONLINE

Questions? Contact Jenny Hubbard at <u>Jhubbard@knoxpres.orgor</u> 630-615-4318.





March 2014

• Mar 14-16, Friday - Sunday – Spring Retreat @ Stronghold

May 2014

- May 2, Friday 8:30-11 Broom Hockey
- May 24, Saturday 7:30 PM Baccalaureate Service for Seniors

WWW.KNOXBLOG.ORG

HIGH SCHOOL

High School Ministries Wednesday Fellowship In the Basement Dinner 6-6:30pm Fellowship from 6:30-7:30 pm

Sunday Night Bible Study 7-8:30 pm Young Adult Discussion on Tap Quigley's Irish Pub Downtown Naperville

Wednesdays 8-9:30 p.m. Usually the first room on the right.





KNOX GREETERS

Do you have a friendly smile and a warm handshake? Would you like to greet on Sunday mornings about once every other month?

The Knox Greeters ministry is seeking individuals and families who would like to provide a welcome to our members and visitors as they enter our church each Sunday morning. If you would like to join, please contact Don and Joan DuChane at 630.747.8512 or duchane1014@gmail.com. You may also leave contact information with Diane Heintz in the Knox Church office.

All are invited to . . . WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2014, "Streams in the Desert" Written by the WDP Egypt

Date: Thursday, March 13, 2014 Time: 9:30 Coffee and Fellowship 10:00 Bible Study 10:45 Worship Service Place: St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church 1500 Brookdale Road Naperville, IL 60563



Our World Day of Prayer offering helps fund international and domestic grants that focus on women's and children's issues. Donations of food or checks made out to the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry would be appreciated. Bring a friend!



Are you interested in playing on a women's church softball league this summer? If you are 18 years or older and interested, please contact Susan Morgan 630-420-2423 or at snbmorgan@wideopenwest.com. We play on Tuesday evenings on the fields behind Calvary Church, beginning mid-May going through the end of July.

Dr. Anne T. Sherren Scholarship Applications

Applications are now being accepted for the 2014 Dr. Anne T. Sherren Scholarship. Deadline for applications is March 15, 2014. Contact the Church Office for an application form. Applicants should be persons pursuing a fulltime career in Christian Service. If you have questions please contact Anne Sherren at <u>630-932-0481</u> or <u>atsherren@noctrl.edu</u>.





ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

For over 50 years Presbyterians have observed the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering during Lent. Knox has participated in this Presbyterian Denominational Wide Offering for its History. The amount of our Knox Contribution to this Offering has varied from \$6,000 to \$10,000. Many gifts add up to make an impact. For our newer members we may think of this offering as the Lenten Offering.

This offering started on the local congregational level in many denominations across the country. This was done as response to help healing people in need. It was such a great success that areas of helping have been expanded to include a hunger program, a self-development of people program, and a disaster

assistance program. This offering gives us a chance to give something extra to areas that are truly in need. The Presbyterian Church (USA) along with other denominations, make a great impact in helping put our gifts to good service. For more information read your weekly bulletin inserts during Lent. There are envelopes in the pews for your generous contributions. If you have additional questions, contact one of your pastors or Mission Council members or Anne Sherren 630-932-0481. Knox Collects the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering each Sunday during Lent, beginning March 9 with the culmination on Palm Sunday, April 13, 2014.

On a Personal Mote

We extend our heartfelt "Thank-You" to **Jan and Doug Isley** for serving as our Hesed House Co-ordinators for over 10 years! In gratitude for their faithful ministry, Knox has made a contribution to Hesed House in their honor. Thank you Isleys!

We want to say "Thank-You" to **all of you who participated in the Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack**, February 14, 15 & 16. We are so grateful for the hundreds of thousands of meals packed, the thousands of volunteers who served and mostly for the hundreds of children who will be able to eat for an entire year because of the food packed for their sake."

Thanks, Cindy



Nursing Home/Home Bound:

Pick up a weekly prayer concerns card in the Commons for a list of our members who are in nursing homes & home bound.

Illness/Health Concerns:

Donna Anfield (mother of Jill Anderson) Dorothy Benesh (Jane Gilkes' mother) Megan Betti (friend of Brooks & Jan Reid) Alma Lou Bonham Par Carter Sallie Delahouse (cousin of Anne Sherren) Esther Jacobson Bob Kirk (Thera Leigh's brother) Tori Klopp Don Martin (Amy Kendryna's father) Sharon Mulqueen (Ed Wiles' sister) Charles Nelson (Dick Nelson's father) J.P. Owen (friend of Heidi Paulius) David O'Leary (uncle of Lin & Pat Carter) Jude Pekala (Dave & Linda Pekala's grandson) Louise Pogue (Phil Pogue's mother) Debbie Russell Rob Schmidt (Rita Eagleson's son-in-law) Marilee Slick Helen Souta Abby Swanson Marilyn Tambling Ed Tanaka (Sandi Hurford's father) Larry Trimnell Betty Truitt (Linda Gerner's mother) Josephine Velino (Steven Velino's mother) Allie Wiles (Ed Wiles' mother) Ted Winbigler (Alice McGregor's father) Leon & Margie (Friends of Carol O'Neil)

Grieving:

Pat Real on the death of her son, Randy Judy Strenk on the death of her husband, Bob.

Congratulations to:

Claire & Michael Langenberg on the birth of their son Benjamin on Jan. 21.

Anne & Kyle Larson on the birth of their son Charles Robert on Jan. 26. Proud grandparents are Jane & Bruce Burkelman.

Becca & Steven Goering on the birth of their son Reid Steven on Jan. 24. Proud grandparents are Janet & Steven Hyde.

Lindsay & Ryan Armour on the birth of their son Nolan James on Jan. 29. Proud grandparents are Gary & Beth Elmen.

Military:

Jonathan Ballew Adam Barns Matt Concotta Matt Krempel Andrew Whitmer Morgan Plummer Calvin Warren Scott Zwiers All military personnel & their families.