



# The Quill

## THE NEWSLETTER OF ST. STEPHEN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Williamsburg, Virginia

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### PRAISE

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! With such glorious news on our lips and in our hearts I thought I would reflect this month on praise.

When was the last time you praised someone else? What were the circumstances surrounding that praise? My guess would be that those circumstances included that person doing something for you. That tends to be when most of us offer praise to others.

What about the last time someone praised you for something? How did that make you feel? What did it do for your relationship with that person? Did you feel as though you earned the praise? How did you respond to the praise?

Praise is powerful stuff. Children often yearn for praise from their parents (both at age 8 and 28). It provides validation and reassures both parties regarding the strength of the family relationship. Lack of recognition and praise can have drastically negative effects on people; and it can sour relationships very quickly. When was the last time you felt a lack of recognition or praise? Was that lack from family? Or employer? Or friend? How did you respond? Were you resentful or angry?

I will reiterate: praise is powerful stuff! How about praise of God? Does God need our praise or recognition? Will a lack of praise sour our relationship with God? Why praise God at all?

God certainly does not need our praise. But I wonder if perhaps we have a need to praise God? After all, in praising God we recognize God's omnipotence and God's place in the universe (especially in comparison to

our own). When we praise God we acknowledge that God is great and we are not.

In praising God we also find ourselves drawn out of ourselves. Daniel W. Hardy and David F. Ford in their book *Praising and Knowing God* write: "Praise takes one out of oneself into enjoyment of God, and into appreciating and sharing his desires for the world. The focus is on God, his will, and other people, and there is a liberation from concern for self." (Daniel W. Hardy and David F. Ford, *Praising and Knowing God* (Philadelphia: Westminster, 1985), p. 84)

And yet, we often find it hard to offer thanks and praise to God. C.S. Lewis suggests that three things keep us from adoration and praise: inattention; "How easy to be caught up into the whirl of life and miss the overtures of Divine Love...We cannot adore when we do not see"; the kind of attention "We see a sunset and are drawn into analysis rather than doxology"; and greed "we are asking for more than God is pleased to give." (Quoted in Richard J. Foster, *Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home* (San Francisco: Harper, 1992), pp. 85-6)

God never gives up searching for the lost sheep; I, lost in turn, must trust and praise my shepherd. It is a two-way relationship. Because God made me and proclaimed all creation good, God loves me. It's as simple as that.

Like praying, I need to praise as I can, not as I can't. I need to start by praising God's small gifts: a child's laugh, a friend's appreciation, or the psalm I read during devotions this morning. Begin with them, and all will be added unto you, that is the formula. "Glory be to God for dappled things," wrote Gerard Manley Hopkins:

*For skies of couple-colour as a brinded cow;  
 For rose-moles all in stipple upon trout that swim;  
 Fresh-firecoal chestnut-falls; finches' wings;  
 Landscape plotted and piecedfold, fallow, and  
 plough;  
 And all trades, their gear and tackle and trim.  
 (Poems and Prose (New York: Penguin, 1985), p. 30)*

**Pastor Jon Nelson**

## CONGREGATION COUNCIL



Our March meeting was held on March 14, 2023.

In Attendance: Pastor Nelson, Sandy Croushore, Paul Reier, Corey Knestrick, JR Lyons, Jeffery Berry, Julie Meeks, Brandon Cave, Alison Carney, Nancy Egloff, Pam Buckley, Susan Kaufman, Lou Rossiter. In attendance via phone: Roberta Sulouff.

- Council will put together a nominating committee at their April Meeting. If you are interested in being on the nomination committee or volunteering for a position, please see a council member.
- Shared Ministry with Our Savior Lutheran Church: Members of both congregations met at St. Stephen to discuss the possibility of creating a shared ministry. Highlights include:
  - Our Savior Lutheran Church has been working with Pastor Wertz of the Virginia Synod to come up with a list of things they want the Pastor to do versus things the congregation will have to take on.
  - Pastor Wertz will send us all various examples of shared ministry plans that have been used with other congregations.
  - A steering committee, made up of members of both congregations, will be established to keep tabs on progress.
  - Roberta and JR will join the executive committee for the next meeting on April 17 at Our Savior Lutheran Church.
- Our Preschool will have a few open positions next year! Please keep an eye out for opportunities!

- The Finance Committee voted to purchase a van for the Afghan family that is being sponsored by the United Methodist Church. A well-loved van was purchased for \$3,600.00.

**Julie Meeks, Secretary, Congregation Council**



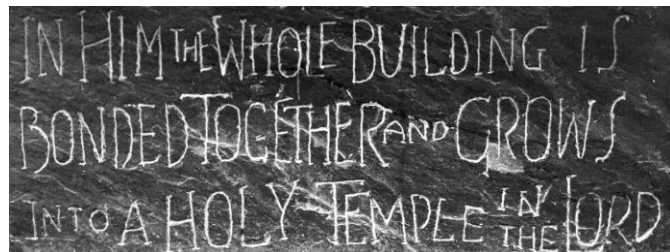
## THE QUILL IS GOING ELECTRONIC

Starting in April the Quill will go out via email and will be posted online, and a few copies will be printed and available in the gathering space. If you still wish to receive a copy by mail please contact Hollie Jones in the Church Office.

### *A Very Special Thanks*

Now that the Quill will be sent digitally, I'd like to thank a dedicated group of women who have been folding, taping, and labeling the newsletters every month for the U.S. mail. There have been many volunteers over the years, and I appreciate them all, but the following women have faithfully handled this task for a long time. They even took them home during the pandemic to process by themselves when we couldn't have meetings. A special thank you goes to **Rosalie Frey, Diane McCurry, and Anne Schone** for their service. I will miss getting together with you every month!

**Pam Buckley**





## STEWARDSHIP ESSENTIALS

Last month I shared with you my approach for supporting our Social Ministry Coordinating Committee's (SMCC) Lenten project – raising funds to help relieve fellow citizens of their burden of medical debt. The SMCC is doing this in partnership with RIP Medical Debt, a not-for-profit organization founded in 2014 with the goal of making crippling medical debt in the US a thing of the past. So far RIPMD has helped over 5 million households by retiring nearly \$9 billion in medical debt. Our donations will increase those numbers.

When we set out on this Lenten program, we established a goal of \$1,800. There is nothing significant about that number except this: it is the goal set by Lauren Rock for her fund-raising campaign. Lauren knows what medical debt can be. She was recently diagnosed with Guillain-Barre Syndrome and underwent treatment which came with an initial price tag of over \$250,000. Follow-up therapy and doctors' visits added to the total. In her case, she has very good insurance coverage, and her out-of-pocket costs did not bankrupt her family (unlike many others). Seeing first-hand what might have been, Lauren wanted to help others whose insurance coverage left crushing debt owed to their medical providers. So she set up a funding campaign with RIPMD. Her fund-raising goal is \$1,800.

Now, compared to some of the other campaign goals I have seen on the web site, \$1,800 is pretty small. But when I came across this particular campaign and read Lauren's story, I thought this was a wonderful opportunity for us at St. Stephen to demonstrate the abundance of God's love in the world. You see, I relate to Lauren. I tend to be conservative in setting goals – especially when I'm afraid I might fail to meet them. But again and again I have seen God's grace pour forth and totally swamp my timidity. And so, I hope that our generous support of this program will send a strong

message to Lauren (as well as to those whose debt we relieve) that God is at work in the world doing more than we ever expect.

I don't know just how much we have collected thus far, but I do know that this program is receiving some strong support among members of the congregation – and I am so thankful. It is a sign that we clearly know Who it is who has blessed us, and that we now are blessed to be a blessing to others. And that is what Stewardship is all about – sharing God's blessings.

I thank you for your support of this outreach ministry, and for our ministry together.

Your brother in Christ,  
**Jim Larsen**



## MEN'S & WOMEN'S BREAKFASTS

- **April 4** – Women are invited to join together for breakfast the first **Tuesday** of this month.
- **April 6** – Men are invited to join together for breakfast the first **Thursday** of this month.

Both gatherings take place at **8:00 am** at the Colonial Pancake House, at the corner of Page Street and Penniman Road, Williamsburg, VA. The get-togethers promote conversation and friendship in a casual setting.



## THE CHURCH MOUSE HEARS

... that **Lou Rossiter** has been named by the Governor to the Virginia Health Benefits Exchange Advisory Committee at the State Corporation Commission (SCC). As volunteers, the Advisory Committee gives advice to the SCC staff who are establishing Virginia's state-based Health Exchange platform (Affordable Care Act/Obamacare). Virginia will be the 19<sup>th</sup> state to have its own state-based exchange which are known to increase enrollment.





## ST. STEPHEN LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

March kicked off at the Preschool by celebrating all things Dr. Seuss! The children and teachers wore wacky hats, crazy hair and lots of silly clothing combinations during our Spirit Week. We also held our Books & Breakfast event where the children could each bring in a gently loved book from home to trade for another. They chomped on delicious banana and applesauce breads while taking their time to choose their new book. Some children were not as willing as others to actually trade... so they went home with both their gently loved book and a new one!

The four and five-year-olds have been diving into letters one week at a time and we are nearly at the end of our alphabet. **V** brought in facts about **Virginia**, yummy **Vegetable** discussions and exciting **Volcano** eruptions! A Koala parent even came in and amazed us with her **Violin**!



Our registration for the 2023-2024 school year is going well with only 13 spaces left in our threes and fours classes. Our fives class already has a waitlist! If you know of any families looking for a loving and friendly preschool environment for their little ones, please send them our way.

Thank you all so much for your continued support. We have such a wonderful partnership between our church and preschool.

**Kristie Kelley, Preschool Director**





## A DEEPER LOOK INTO PARKINSON'S DISEASE

April is designated as the month to raise awareness of Parkinson's disease. Parkinson's disease is a neurodegenerative, progressive disorder that affects dopamine producing neurons in a specific area of the brain called the substantia nigra which is located in the basal ganglia. It affects nearly one million Americans and 10 million people worldwide. There are approximately 90,000 people in America diagnosed each year. As people live longer and the population mean age increases, so will the diagnosis of PD.

Symptoms of Parkinson's generally develop slowly over the course of several years. Some of the symptoms experienced are tremor, slowness of movements, limb rigidity along with associated gait and balance problems. Non-motor symptoms may include apathy, depression, sleep disorders, cognitive impairment and loss of sense of smell.

PD usually affects people in their 60's or older. There are rare cases of development in younger adults; the actor, Michael J. Fox, is a good example. It is thought to be genetic in only about 10-15 percent of the people diagnosed. Others diagnosed are from unknown causes. There is no specific test for PD. Diagnosis is made based on symptoms and referral to a neurologist for further testing and treatment. Treatment is based on symptoms in the early stages. In later stages, there may be surgical options. The best treatments include lifestyle modification such as getting plenty of rest and exercising regularly.

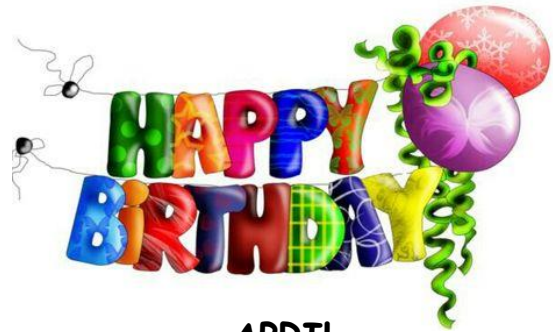
There are also a group of diseases that fall under the heading of "Parkinsonism." These cause symptoms similar to PD and may also be called "atypical Parkinson's disease or Parkinson's plus. These include Drug-induced Parkinsonism, which occurs as a result of the side effect of drugs that affect the dopamine levels in the brain. When the drugs are stopped, the symptoms usually go away. Progressive Supranuclear Palsy or PSP also falls into this category. Symptoms of PSP include loss of balance, forgetfulness, and personality changes. Others include Multiple System Atrophy (Shy-Drager syndrome), Vascular Parkinsonism, Dementia with Lewy Bodies, and Corticobasal Degeneration (CBD). As with

PD, diagnosis of these diseases is made by symptoms exhibited and ruling out other disease processes.

Check out [www.Parkinson.org/resources](http://www.Parkinson.org/resources) for more information.

Feel free to contact me if you have other questions.

**Diana Tiller-Dichtel, Parish Nurse**



### APRIL

2	Clare Stimson	Ray Walker
3	Evon Crittenden	Marian Thies
4	John Harms	
5	Chris Einarsen	Paul Reier
6	Amber Jansson	
7	Christine Jacobs	
8	Pete Davis	
9	Gerri Bass	
10	Trudi Arnold	Ingrid Brown
11	Art Nelsen	
12	Jenni Punchard	
13	Christina Davies	Sara Martin
14	George Bass	Jonathan Davies
	Ellen LaPlace	Meghan Osborn
15	Steve Grant	
16	Christine Hallman	
17	Julie Meeks	Ken Spencer
18	Jo Hanny	
20	Bill Miller, Jr.	
21	Bob Groom ( <b>Happy 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday</b> )	
22	Sharon Jacobs	
23	Ellie Bailey	
24	Noah Delehanty	
25	Mary Swanson	
26	Jennifer Dabel	Sandi Witt
29	Alan Balma	Helen Nelsen
	Susanna Owens	
30	Paula Agor	Donna Crinklaw





## MUSIC NOTES

### HOLY WEEK AT ST STEPHEN 2023

Sunday of the Passion marks the beginning of what Christians call “Holy Week.” This year we begin Holy Week on April 2. Many of us remember years ago, this Sunday was “Palm Sunday,” and in fact, last year we did return to a Palm Sunday festival, solely. The liturgy was celebratory, the Hosanna’s shouted, and the party atmosphere was jubilant and remained high throughout the worship service. Some have suggested the move to “Sunday of the Passion” came from practical concerns where Good Friday service attendance was lacking, and therefore folks would miss the reading of the Passion story. In actuality, the Medieval church did read the St. Matthew Passion story on Palm Sunday. Omitting this reading was a more recent practice. In returning to the ancient liturgy of Passion Sunday, we do keep the celebratory hosannas pouring over Jesus in his triumphal entry into Jerusalem while we simultaneously demand his execution. An odd juxtaposition of celebration and crucifixion is now the crux of our liturgy on this day. This year we will maintain the “Palm Sunday” atmosphere until after our communion liturgy where we will then read *The Passion Of Our Lord According To Matthew*.

Now we come to the Triduum. What is that funny word and how do we pronounce it? Triduum (pronounced **trid**-yoo-uhm) is the fancy Latin word for our celebration of the Three Days: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the great Easter Vigil.

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday this year will be joint worship services with St. Martin’s Episcopal Church. St. Stephen will host the Maundy Thursday liturgy with The Reverend Lisa Green preaching. St. Martin’s will host the Good Friday worship service with our own Pastor Jon preaching. Both services are at 7:00 pm.

Maundy is an English form of the Latin word for commandment. Jesus gives us a new commandment that we love one another. Four “actions” take place on Maundy Thursday. The first is the laying on of hands for individual absolution of our sins. The second is foot washing, which is a practice of the church since the seventh century and signifies our service to one another. We celebrate the holy supper Christ gave the church to reveal his unending love for the human family. Our final

action is the stripping of the altar – the altar is stripped of its linens, paraments, ornaments, and candles. This action is symbolic of Jesus humiliation at the soldiers’ hands. Psalm 88 is chanted as objects of adornment are removed. This first of the Three Days has no ending; it continues with the worship of Good Friday and concludes with the Vigil of Easter. Together the Three Days proclaim the mystery of our faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Someone much smarter than I once told me “Good Friday is not the funeral that Jesus never had!” We are still Resurrection people, and as such we worship this day in solemn devotion to the cross, acknowledging God’s gift of life to us. We meditate using Psalm 22 – words Jesus spoke from the cross. We proclaim the Passion according to the Gospel of John: *“Recall the magisterial details of Christ’s passion that appear only in John’s gospel. Jesus goes toward the soldiers, knowing all that is to happen to him. Jesus’ announcement of himself as the divine I AM causes the troop of soldiers to fall down before him. John refers to the troop as a cohort, which was 600 soldiers. Jesus answers boldly to the high priest, confronts the police, debates with Pilate, and is arrayed in a purple robe. While on the cross, Jesus arranges the future care of his family and followers, and at the moment of his death he gives up his spirit. He is buried with what in our measurement is seventy-five pounds of spices, as only a king would be, and in a garden, a place normally associated with life and growth. This narration by John proclaims to us that the death of Jesus is, paradoxically, the triumph of Christ as God.”* (*The Three Day Feast* by Gail Ramshaw, Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress, 2004, pp.44-45) On this day, we pray a Bidding Prayer – a prayer for everyone – believers and nonbelievers – a prayer for every imaginable event – even a Pandemic. Each of these prayers, or bids, draw us out of ourselves and often focus on how we have been complicit in failing to live as resurrection people. We leave with no blessing and no final prayer – the service continues the next day.

What began on Maundy Thursday reaches its climax in the Easter Vigil. We come back to St. Stephen for our worship this night beginning at 8pm. The Easter Vigil is full of contrasts between darkness and light, death and life, chaos and order, slavery and freedom. The Easter Vigil is a four-part service that begins outside with the Service of Light. The darkness for this service symbolizes Christ’s tomb. As light came in to the darkness at

creation, the paschal candle is lit from the new fire – a new light to dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds. The Service of Light continues with the procession of candles into the darkened sanctuary, like the children of Israel led by a pillar of fire from slavery to freedom in the Promised Land. We sing the *Exultet* – the Easter Proclamation.

The second part of the Vigil centers on the Old Testament stories of creation and exodus. The Service of Readings offers a picture of God’s power of resurrection, a metaphor for baptism, an image of God. These are the beloved stories of the faith ending with the Romans New Testament reading whereby we join Christ through our baptism in his death and resurrection. Our Gospel reading is the most beloved and detailed story of all when the disciples find the tomb empty and Mary Magdalene encounters the risen Lord in the garden. As the Gospel acclamation is sung, the sanctuary now makes the dramatic transition from darkness into full illumination, and the altar is vested for the first Eucharist of Easter.

The third and fourth parts of the Easter Vigil continue with the sacraments of our faith: Affirmation of our Baptism into Christ and the Service of Holy Communion. Please join our St. Stephen family in “keeping the feast” of the Three Days.

**Karen Ives, Music Director**

## HOLY WEEK



**Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion, April 2, 8:30 am and 11:00 am** – Holy Communion.

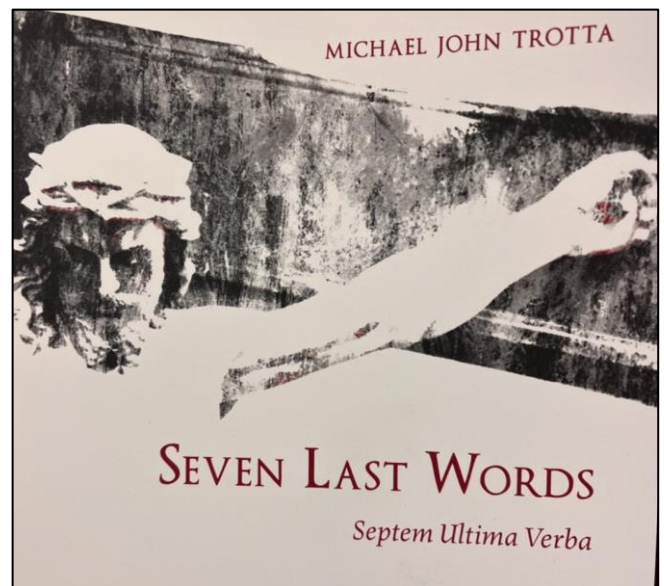
**Thursday, April 6, 7:00 pm** – Maundy Thursday worship **at St. Stephen**. Holy Communion with Stripping of the Altar.

**Friday, April 7, 7:00 pm** – Good Friday worship **at St. Martin’s Episcopal Church, 1333 Jamestown Road**. Reading of the Passion of Our Lord According to John.

**Saturday, April 8, 8:00 pm** – The Easter Vigil **at St. Stephen**. The First Eucharist of Easter

**Easter Sunday, April 9, 8:30 am and 11:00 am** – Festival Worship.

## ANOTHER GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITY



One of Michael Trotta’s major accomplishments has been his musical setting of Jesus’ “Seven Last Words” for choir and orchestra. St. Mark Lutheran Church in Yorktown planned a trip to Carnegie Hall in New York City in 2019 to sing this work, conducted by Michael Trotta with singers from around the country. They would then present the work for their own congregation. It was all shaping up to be an exciting time, with rehearsals and planning! It seemed the perfect opportunity to invite surrounding churches to join in a combined musical offering. Plans made, rehearsals practiced, correspondence went out, and many details were rolling for a presentation of this work on Palm Sunday afternoon, 2020. And then, a little thing called the “Covid pandemic” hit and plans were sidelined.

As this music lay resting now for several years with plans just swirling around it and never really landing, Greta Melson, St. Mark’s Music director, reached out and asked if St. Stephen would be interested in participating in a collaborative effort for a Holy Week worship service. Four of our own Chancel Choir members have joined St. Mark’s choir along with instrumental musicians (**Karen Ives** is playing the harp part on piano!), and will be presenting this work for their Good Friday worship on **April 7, 7:00 pm**.

## STEPHEN MINISTRY AT ST. STEPHEN



### Asking for Help ...

Asking for help just doesn't come easy. It doesn't seem natural, especially for us guys. We grew up thinking we had to be rugged individualists like John Wayne: able to handle everything that comes our way...all by ourselves. Well you know what? Sometimes that's not the best way to go about things.

- Sometimes in life, the answers aren't always simple and easy, the best route to take is not always obvious.
- Sometimes when you're all alone, the burden feels very heavy.
- Sometimes it's just nice to have someone to sit down with just to unload and talk with.
- Sometimes it's just very quiet and lonely.
- Sometimes when we're troubled, even God feels distant.

Despite what we saw in those old westerns, there are better ways to do it. When we are feeling challenged or troubled, when we are feeling lost, when we are feeling like we are losing our way, help is available. In many situations our parents, spouses, or other family members bring us back from the brink all during our lifetimes. In other situations, our church family serves the same purpose with the Pastor, Parish Nurse, other church members and Stephen Ministers can provide help.

Stephen Ministers go through extensive training to get to the point where they can become effective, compassionate listeners to help those needing help as they navigate personal crises. All care in such relationships is supervised and highly confidential, preserving the privacy of the individual seeking care.

The brief essay in the next column is written by Diana Tiller-Dichtel, our Parish Nurse and one of our two current Stephen Ministry Students.

**Bill Dichtel, Stephen Leader**

### Stephen Ministry: A Student Perspective

Having begun the Stephen Ministry class in January, I am willing to say that I have learned a lot. I also feel I have a lot more to learn. Stephen Ministry is guided by a compass with the points being Compassionate, Full of Faith, Skilled and Trustworthy. At the center of the compass is Christ. We are encouraged to find ways to see how the points of the compass are presented in every lesson. Those are the points we will use to give care to those who need our help. A Stephen Minister is someone who will walk with you during a difficult time in your life. This walk is based on the needs of the care receiver. We, as Stephen Ministers, are there to listen and to provide support. It sounds easy, and maybe somewhere down the road, it will be easier. For me, the student, it still sounds scary. But I can see the outcome of having a caring relationship with someone who is in need.



We are compassionate people and we knew that when we started these classes. We are learning a new way to be compassionate. We come from churches and are certainly full of faith. This is a new way to express that faith and to extend that faith to someone who needs to see it in action. We were skilled at something before we started this class, but we are learning new skills. Skills that allow us to bring God to a person who is hurting. We were also trustworthy and kept our word to those whom we had given it. We are learning a new way of being trustworthy. In taking the classes, we are first learning to walk a little closer walk to God and how we can be a source of strength to someone who needs it.

As for myself, I hope to learn to listen with new ears. Ears that hear a cry for help and a heart that will respond appropriately to the call. I find myself offering prayers that I and my fellow students will learn and become members of the Stephen Ministry community who provide Christ-centered, compassionate, full-of-faith, trustworthy and skilled care to those in need.

**Diana Tiller-Dichtel, Parish Nurse and Stephen Ministry Student**





## APRIL BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

The significance of baptism, Luther teaches in the *Small Catechism*, is “that the old creature in us with all sins and evil desires is to be drowned and die through daily contrition and repentance, and on the other hand that daily a new person is to come forth and rise up to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.”

Your baptismal anniversary is an opportunity to light a baptismal candle and to give some prayer time to reflecting on your experiences during the past year on your journey in faith!

### Pastor Jon Nelson

2	Daniel Owens	
4	Mark Gulesian	Cyndy Touhsaent
5	Karen Chenault	
7	Tobias Janke	
9	Tommy Peterkin	
10	Paul Black	Brad Jefferson
	Brandon Jefferson	Brock Jefferson
	Justice Jefferson	
12	Gretchen Osborn	
13	Karen Nester	
14	Bob Achenbach	Brian Bergh
16	Quill Agor	
20	Nancy Egloff	Elliot Lawson
22	Chris Einarsen	
23	Phyllis Spencer	
25	Jim Mayfield	
27	Karen Einarsen	
29	Bella Napier	

Others who were baptized in April:

Bob Hanny

Were you baptized in April but your name isn't on the list above? Let us know!



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## PRAYERS



**Join your prayers for healing with God's desires for George Bass, Joe Beene, Ed Brown, Kristin Carter, Karen Einarsen, Sharon Jacobs, Marilyn Johnson, Evelyn Kernan, Jim Mayfield, and Linda Reuben.**

**Pray for those unable to come to worship: Joyce Behlendorf, Martin Bleck, Ed Brown, Birdie Burton, York Doerr, Bob and Angie Groom, Edith Haecker, Pat Janot, Jeanne Nelson, Joanne Shue, Darlene Simon, and Kay Wasaff**

**Pray for these loved ones of our congregation:** Dawn Allen, Phil Arnold, David & Roberta Barbour, Rose Baumgarten, Megan Beese, Sally Blackburn, Mary Bloom, John Butler, Ken Casilhas, Jerry & Elijah Connor, Jerris & Tony DeKievit, Yvonne Destout, Judy Drezek, Paul Dwiggin, Derald Edwards, Joan Fecondo, Gloria Flamm, Dan Flatin, Kay Flatin, Betty Frazee, Bob and Lois Friend, Joan & Frank Goodhart, Andrea Gonzalez, Mark Gulesian, Deanna Harbison, Rex Harder, Andy Havola, Frank Hayes, Char Henry, Nicole Ingle, Crystal Isaac, Sue Ivey, Nate Jacklin, Rev. Richard Johnson, Sandy Kellogg, The Kennedy family, John Knestrick, Richard Kochanski, Rebecca Krueger, Margaret Lewis, Jackie Locke, Ron Luchetti, Isabelle Lutzle, Keith Margrey, Doug Mayes, Detra Michaels, Lynn Nestrack, Gina Peterson, Edith Roberts, Betty Roth, Shann Rufer, Paul Sampson, Inge Seiter, David Shoberg, Patricia Simpson, Kelsey Slay, Mike Slyer, Brant Smith, Vasili Soultoukis, Jerry and Evelyn Spear, Chad Strausbaugh, Dustin Sullivan, Kelly Theilen, Charley Underdahl, Carolyn Williams, Travis Wilson, Caleb Winig, Brody Wood, Teresa, and Robert Yazujian, Abby Zwerner and the people of Syria, Turkey and Ukraine.

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