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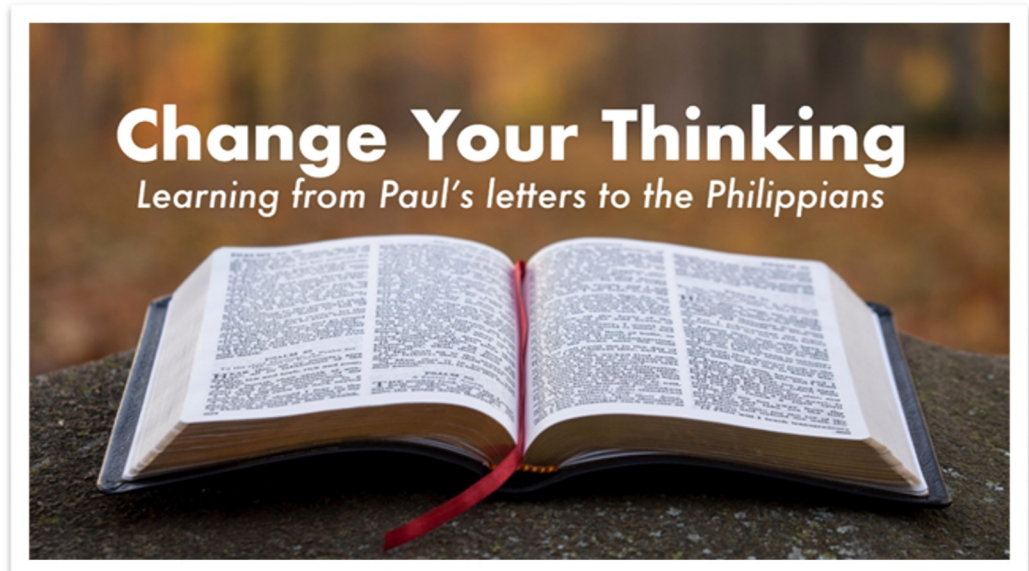
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WORSHIP

SUNDAY WORSHIP

7:30 and 11:30 am Traditional Services
8:50 and 10:10 am Contemporary Service

Communion is given at every 11:30 am service and
all services on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays.



WORSHIP Continued...

Ash Wednesday

The season of Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, March 6**. It is a day to remember that from the dust of the earth we came and to dust we will return, until we are resurrected on the last day when Christ returns. We will have Worship services at **12:30 pm** and **6:30 pm** that will feature the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion.

Lenten Service Schedule

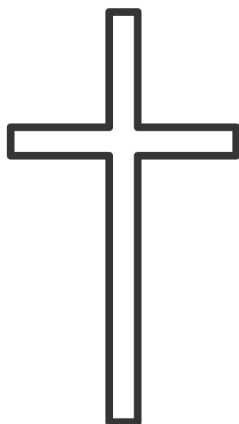
Lenten Service	March 13	12:30 pm/6:30 pm
Lenten Service	March 20	12:30 pm/6:30 pm
Lenten Service	March 27	12:30 pm/6:30 pm
Lenten Service	April 3	12:30 pm/6:30 pm
Lenten Service	April 10	12:30 pm/6:30 pm
Palm Sunday	April 14	7:30 am/*11:30 am 8:50 am/ 10:10 am
Maundy Thursday	April 18	*12:30 pm/*6:30 pm
Good Friday	April 19	12:30 pm/6:30 pm
Easter Sunday	April 21	*6:00 am *7:30 am/*11:30 am *8:50 am/*10:10 am

*Holy Communion Served

Lenten Dinners

5:00 pm Lenten Dinners served by our ministry groups.

Come join us for a delicious meal and fellowship before the Lenten evening service. There is no cost to attend and no sign-up is required, asking a freewill offering.





Annual Church Picnic

March 16 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm at Tumbleweed Park.

There will be food, a bounce house, face painting, balloon creations, and games! Hope you and your family are able to join us! We will be at the McDowell Pavilion, use the Germann Rd. entrance and look for our signs.



Salvation Army New Location

A new thrift shop on corner of Arizona Avenue and Chandler Heights Blvd (behind CVS) opened last month. Donated items will be accepted at the store.



SOLOS

This is a group of singles that meet for activities each month. Members and friends are welcome to participate in these activities.

- **Musical "Singing in the Rain"**
February 22 at 3:00 pm at the Hale Centre Theater, 50 W. Page Ave., Gilbert, AZ. Irene Olson is organizing an opportunity for us to attend the musical *Singing in the Rain*. She has reserved a limited number of tickets (**final count is needed by February 8**). Ticket price is \$24.00. She can be contacted at iolson@centurylink.net or 480.947.4515.



Chandler Salvation Army Support

February 3 in Between Services, place food in the closet in the Narthex.

The food drop-off for the Chandler Salvation Army is the first Sunday of each month.

Please bring your non-perishables to the cabinet located in the hallway by the Fellowship Hall. The donation box for clothing and small household goods for the Salvation Army is located in the northwest corner of the church parking lot.

Baptisms

For information about you or a child being baptized please contact the church office.



LBW
LUTHERAN BRAILLE WORKERS

Braille Missions

Braille Missions meets every Tuesday from 8:30 am—11:30 am.

Visitation Ministry

If you or someone you know would like to notify the church of a surgery, hospitalization or other care emergency, please email visits@rslcs.org. Please include the facility and contact number.



Stephen Ministry First Training Session

February 6 from 9:00 am—11:30 am in the TPC S. Conf. Room.

What are Stephen Ministers? They are laypeople trained to provide one-on-one, Christ-centered care. They have a compassionate heart for those who are hurting and they're equipped with care ministry skills by their congregation's leaders. For more information contact Pastor Mark at the church office.

Director of Family Ministry Update (DCE)

Currently, the Staffing Committee is reviewing a list of new candidates. The next step will be to begin the interview process. The top candidate or candidates will receive a visit from Pastor Ron and the final step is to invite them to visit our campus to get to know them better. This takes time, but the time invested is worth the effort to get the best possible fit for our congregation. Please keep this process in your prayers.

ANSWER Continued...



Prayer Warriors

Thursdays at 9:00 am in the Church Library.

If you have a passion for talking to the Lord in prayer or lifting up those who need physical, emotional or spiritual support, join us!

TO PLACE A PRAYER OR VISIT REQUEST:

- † Submit a prayer request by filling out a Prayer card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate or email prayers@rslcs.org. Prayers remain on the list for 4 weeks, unless an update is provided.
- † To have someone pray with you by phone or in person, email prayerwarriors@rslcs.org.
- † To notify the church of a surgery or hospitalization, please email visits@rslcs.org. Please include the facility and contact number.
- † After hours that need a timely response by a Pastor, please call 480.895.6782 Ext. 120 and leave your name and phone number.



Feeling Cold During Service on Sunday? Borrow a Shawl.

Now Available at Any of the Services.

Shawls are now available to borrow during your service if you are cold. See a Service Team Leader/Usher to use one and then return to a Service Team Leader/Usher after your service. Compliments of Care Ministry.

The RSLCS Foundation, Inc.

RSLCS Foundation Free Life Planning Assistance

Do you have questions regarding your will, trust or gift planning? It's something most of us put off even though our circumstances are constantly changing. We provide a FREE service to assist with your life planning needs. Contact Mary at the church office for more information 480.895.6782.

RSLCS Foundation - Preventative Care Meeting, Part-One

March 3 at 8:40 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Join us for a two-part series on "Preventative Care". Part-One will cover medical cards, lock boxes, fall prevention, DNR and medication safety.



Preventative Care Meeting, Part-Two

March 31 at 8:40 am – 9:40 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Part-Two will cover funeral planning, hospice, long-term disability insurance and The Foundation. You can attend either or both of these meetings. Sponsored by the Risen Savior Care Ministry.

ANSWER Continued...



Piece Maker Quilters

Wednesdays from 1:00 pm—4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

After a brief break over Christmas, the quilting group is back to its weekly meetings. You really can't find a nicer group of sewers who serve their Lord with stitches and fabric.

January 9, we had 19 women and finished 6 quilts to be sent to those in need of the warmth of Jesus through a cozy covering. Please consider joining us! The fellowship is encouraging and there are even snacks! We are always in need of these items:

We are always in need of the following items:

- Yarn of any type or color
- Cotton blend fabric
- Clean, unstained, gently used flat sheets (no pillow cases)
- Sewing supplies
- Clean white sheets for cloth bandages

Any questions? Please contact Sandi 480.202.5772 or Barb 602.565.7137.

Blood Pressure Screenings and Blood Drive Sign-Ups

February 10 in Between Services in the Narthex.

If you are interested in serving on the Care Ministries team (*you do not have to be in the medical profession*), contact Nancy at goodingpn@wbhsi.net.



Blood Drive Annual Blood Drive

February 17 between 8:00 am -12:00 pm.

If you are interested in participating in this event, visit bloodhero.com, sponsor code is "risen" to sign-up today.



Align Your Investments with Your Personal Values

Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) empowers ministries to share the Gospel and build God's Kingdom through Word and deed. An investment with LCEF puts your blessings from God to work for ministries, supporting what you value most. Making disciples is something we all can share through the LCEF ministry. There are a variety of LCEF investments to suit your needs. Find more information at lcef.org or call 800.843.5233.

ANSWER Continued...

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesdays from 10:00 am – 11:30 am in the TPC S Conf. Room.

If you enjoy knitting or crocheting and wish to be a part of the team that makes shawls, please join us! You will need to bring size 11 or 13 needles and/or size N or 9 crochet hooks. Contact Nancy at goodingpn@wbhsi.net with any questions.

These shawls are given to shut-ins, someone grieving a loss, hospitalized, etc. If you know of someone, please contact Pastor Mark at the church office.

*This shawl was created especially for you
With love and prayers,
May God who formed your being,
Who knit you together in your mother's womb,
Who gave you the breath of life,
Renew you this day and give you hope
To sustain you.
May this prayer shawl be a sign of Christ's
Healing presence.
May it warm you when you are weary:
May it surround you with comfort to ease
Your suffering;
May it encircle you with caring when you
Are in pain.
Wear this prayer shawl and remember
Jesus loves you.
Risen Savior Lutheran Church
Care Committee*

Lutheran Women's Missionary League



Membership in the LWML consists of women who are communicant members of the LCMS congregations and who participate by promoting the LWML programs. This is an excellent opportunity to experience Christian fellowship with other women at Risen Savior Lutheran Church.

- **LWML Mission: Backpack and School Supply Bonanza**
February 10 in the Narthex.
The Orphan Grain Train and the PSW District LWML are sponsoring the Gifts from the Heart Ingathering "Backpack Bonanza" for needy people within the district and through Lutheran Border Concerns Ministry. Please bring backpacks/school supplies or submit a donation check to "Orphan Grain Train".
- **General Meeting**
February 14 at 1:00 pm—3:00 pm in TPC N Conference Room.
"Shhh! Peace. Be Still." on page 18 of the winter Quarterly will be studied. Please join us as we remember God's promises of His peace that passes all understanding.
- **Spring Luncheon**
March 30 at 12:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
This year's theme will be: *Shop in Heaven's Grocery Store*. We will have a Fashion Show from Judy's Wear Boutique. Ticket price is \$20.00 and will be on sale starting March 10. Proceeds will benefit the USO Call Home Free Cards and the Circle of Healing. Contact Carol at 480.510.2456 for more information.
- **Update:** A mission grant recipient is The Lutheran World Relief Quilt and Kit Shipping Fund; \$80,000. This grant ensures the ability to deliver more than 35,500 quilts each year to our worldwide neighbors in need and sustains the quilt ministry" that many generations of LWML women have sponsored.

DEVELOP

Adult Forum with Pastor Teuscher

Sundays at 8:40 am in the Fellowship Hall.

St. Paul tells us that God has designed us for victory over the forces of evil by putting on the Armor of God. Sometimes it feels like the world is coming apart at the seams and our hearts can't take anymore hurt. No matter what the world throws at us each day, we have a choice on how to respond; We can either concede defeat or live in the victory God has promised.

Jesus told us that we will experience tribulation in this world, but He has overcome the world. As His disciples, we also have overcome the world. As we daily put on each piece of the armor of God, we receive His power to face life's challenges and be assured of success.

Join us on Sundays as we learn how to put on God's armor and become Victors over evil with a life of strength, faith, and power from God.



Wednesday Bible Study with Pastor Mark

Wednesdays from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm in the TPC N Conference Room.

All are welcome to join this Bible study. Join us and feel free to bring a friend or neighbor! **Last meeting will be February 6.**



To listen to their weekly program: Visit their website at lhm.org; Scroll down on the webpage to "This week on TLH", then scroll further to "Listen Now" and enjoy daily devotions and the broadcast each week.



Maricopa Bible Study

Mondays at 6:30 pm, RSVP for address.

Richard & Linda Antonio and Rick & Kathleen Ramirez invite you to prayerfully consider joining this bible study. The group will be delving into the book of "Galatians, Why God Accepts Us" by Jack Kuhatschek. A short preview of the Galatians study: The human acceptance we long for often comes only if we are attractive, smart, wealthy or powerful and God's standards seem even higher. We think we must work harder, live better, pray longer and witness to more people to get on God's "good side". In his letter to the Galatians, Paul shows us the true source of our acceptance-Jesus Christ. These Bible studies on Galatians will help us know that we are worth much more to God than we can ever deserve or imagine! For further information and/or to participate, please call Antonio's at 480.452.8980 or Ramirez's at 480.223.3609.

DEVELOP Continued...

The Letters of Peter and Jude

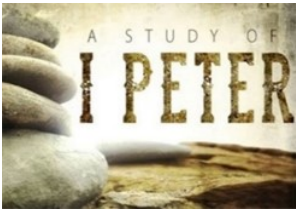
Sundays at 8:45 am in the Church Library.

The early disciples faced threats from the Roman Empire and from those who would twist the story of Christ into a pagan form. Followers of Christ could easily have been defeated or diverted. Thanks to these letters, they stood fast, even unto death. In a time when the surrounding culture presses the church for compromise, these letters will inspire and challenge us to be bold in our proclamation.

The Letter of James

Sundays at 10:10 am in the Church Library.

What does a living faith capable of changing the world around us look like? In the pages of James' letter, we will see that a genuine faith inevitably produces good deeds as the fruit of obedience to Jesus' teachings. Join us as this book confronts our complacency, challenges our hearts, and calls us to commitment. Let's read James to become more active *doers* of the Word.



1 Peter - Women's Bible Study

February 12 and 26 from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm in TPC S. Conference Room.

Women's Bible Study that is held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings. There will be small group discussion, fellowship and prayer study from Concordia Publishing House Study Guide.

Youth Chime Choir Rehearsals

Thursdays from 4:45 pm – 5:30 pm in the Church Balcony. **NO Meeting February 21.**

All youth grades 5-12 are welcome to join. Contact Carla at organist@rslcs.org for more information.

Adult Handbell Choir Rehearsals

Thursdays from 5:45 pm - 6:45 pm in the Church Balcony. **NO Meeting February 21.**

Substitute players are always welcome. Contact Carla at organist@rslcs.org for more information.



How We Got the Bible with Pastor Mark

Starts February 13 from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm in the TPC N Conference Room.

This will be a three-week series on Wednesday evenings. Everyone is welcome!

Men's Early Bird Bible Study

Meeting February 9 and 23 at 7:00 am in TPC N Conf. Room.

This group meets twice a month, on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays, for Bible study and fellowship. Contact Chuck at 480.766.3626 or cmdeuth1@gmail.com for more information.

DEVELOP Continued...

Sunday Morning for Children and Teens

The Nursery is available during each of our Sunday services and all kids ages 0-3 years old are welcome. Turn left when coming through the main front doors and follow the signs.

Families are learning about Jesus and growing in their love for Him!

Children, youth and parents are all invited to the education hour on Sunday mornings beginning at 10:00 am. We encourage families to worship together at either the 8:50 am or 11:30 am service.



JAM! (Age 3-Grade 5)

Sundays at 10:10 am Check-in near the Sanctuary, meet in the second floor classrooms.

Come join in the fun today as we learn about Jesus, know Him personally and grow in our love for Him!

Contact Shelley at shelley.nelson@rslcs.org for details about JAM! or Ignite groups.



Ignite Confirmation (Grades 6-8)

Sundays at 10:00 am in the Ignite and youth rooms, The Perfect Place.

Where faith is formed, knowledge is gained and hearts are changed. This class will spark discovery, conversation, friendship and Bible engagement. Ignite is a step in a lifelong walk with God.

High School

Sundays at 10:10 am in the TPC N Conference Room.

Contact Craig Dunning at csdunning71@msn.com for more information.



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DEVELOP Continued...



This Thursday morning, weekly program is just for women and was developed by Risen Savior's Women's Ministries Director, Annie Wolf. Each week, women will have the opportunity to gather for worship and fellowship as well as hear from a guest speaker. The program's mission is to walk alongside women as they seek what decades of research list as the top spiritual needs of today:

1. To believe that life is meaningful and has purpose.
2. To have a sense of community and deeper relationships.
3. To be listened to.
4. To feel they are growing in their faith.
5. To get practical help in developing a mature faith.

This group meets weekly on Thursdays at 9:00 am in the TPC.

February 7

Annie Wolf will be speaking on "Joy".

February 14

"God Delights in You", a women's ministry mini retreat. There will be a special message and wonderful music to enjoy.

February 21 and February 28 topics are to be determined.

Every week, the guest speaker will share a topic that is meaningful to them, has provided them with purpose and helped them grow in their faith. To name a few, there will be messages of: healing and hope, purpose and passion, sin and a good savior, surviving and surrender, wellness and worship and caring for those you care about.

RSVP to Annie Wolf at 480.203.1880 or womensministries@rslcs.org to attend any of these sessions and to inform her if you need childcare (childcare is provided by the Lullaby Guild).

Risen Savior Monthly Financial Review

The following is a summary of financial activity for Risen Savior Lutheran Church. If you would like more detailed reports, please contact our Business Manager, Susan Mello at susan.mello@rslcs.org.

Did you know?

Many Risen Savior congregants have opted to use all or part of their *Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) as a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)*?

If you are age 70½ or older, IRS rules require you to take required minimum distributions (RMDs) each year from your tax-deferred retirement accounts. This additional taxable income may push you into a higher tax bracket and may also reduce your eligibility for certain tax credits and deductions. To eliminate or reduce the impact of RMD income, you may donate to Risen Savior or any other qualified non-profit using a qualified charitable distribution (QCD). Please contact Susan Mello, our Business Manager, for more details at: susan.mello@rslcs.org or by calling her at 480.577.3296.

Financial Summary for December 2018:

Giving Results

Giving was **under** budget by (\$36,395) for the month of December and **under** budget by (\$62,884) for FYTD2019.

Spending

Spending was **under** budget by (\$30,789) in December and **under** budget by (\$161,083) for FYTD2019.

Church payroll and benefits are under budget as both the DCE and Associate Pastor positions were budgeted for a full year and have not been filled.

Preschool and Kindergarten (PS&K)

PS&K Net Income was **over** budget by \$2,496 in December and **under** budget by (\$36,491) for FYTD2019.

We continue to increase the enrollment at the Preschool through the use of marketing and referrals.

We continue to have cost control on our variable costs of labor and food.

Net Operating Cash

As of December 31, 2018, Operating Cash is a **negative** of (\$82,440) which is an **increase** of \$15,968 from November.

Financials Continued...

High Level Statement of Financial Income and Expense							
	Dec-18	Dec-18	\$ Over	FYTD19	FYTD19	\$ Over	Annual
	Actual	Budget	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget
Giving	154,905	191,300	(36,395)	691,216	754,100	(62,884)	1,593,300
All other income	3,668	4,400	(732)	22,258	25,400	(3,142)	50,600
Total Church Income	158,573	195,700	(37,127)	713,474	779,500	(66,026)	1,643,900
Preschool & Kindergarten	74,879	84,030	(9,151)	543,652	633,770	(90,118)	1,295,100
Total Operational Income	233,452	279,730	(46,278)	1,257,126	1,413,270	(156,144)	2,939,000
Operational Expenses	208,121	238,910	(30,789)	1,264,612	1,425,695	(161,083)	2,811,490
Net Income/(Loss)	25,331	40,820	(15,489)	(7,486)	(12,425)	4,939	127,510
High Level Statement of Operational Cash							
December 2018							
Cash/Receivable Balance 12.31.18 *		1,351,057					
Restricted Assets		536,365					
Unrestricted Assets							
Designated Savings		335,450					
Designated Programs		561,682					
Total Unrestricted Assets		897,132					
Net Operational Cash 12.31.18		(82,440)					
Cash/Receivable Balance 11.30.18 *		467,809					
Restricted Assets		118,447					
Unrestricted Assets							
Designated Savings		330,801					
Designated Programs		116,969					
Total Unrestricted Assets		447,770					
Net Operational Cash 11.30.18		(98,408)					
Net Operating Cash Change		15,968					
* Includes amounts in WIP that will be applied to a fund upon project completion. This represents an accounting change from October 2018.							



Verla	Matuschka	2/1	Gordon	Hagg	2/11
Gertrude	Harmening	2/1	Sharon	Turgeon	2/11
Sherry	Simonek	2/1	Rachelle	Wright	2/11
Marcy	Pietrek	2/1	Mckenna	Loop	2/11
Michael	Everson	2/1	Robert	Connors	2/11
Barbara	Buttleman	2/1	Nathan	Kucenski	2/11
Stephen	Jacusis	2/1	Grace	Stark	2/11
John	Neff	2/2	Bernita	Grgich	2/12
Kodyn	Wolf	2/2	Andrew	Fauth	2/12
Natalie	Musa	2/3	Donald	Nelson	2/13
Tate	Snodgrass	2/3	Kenneth	Poulsen	2/13
Walter	Potthoff	2/4	Roberta	Schuller	2/13
Karen	Kanda	2/4	Willard	Pedersen	2/14
Janet	Pfahl	2/4	Margaret	Bergendahl	2/15
Russ	Warner	2/4	Linda	Peiffer	2/15
Emma	Loop	2/4	Brian	Tormey	2/15
Caleb	Evans	2/4	Peyton	Stark	2/15
Sharon	Becker	2/5	Ellen	Voelker	2/16
Victor	Jimenez	2/6	Rosemary	Langley	2/16
Deb	Ellis	2/6	Kaston	Bell	2/16
Bradley	Hartung	2/6	Linda	Buns	2/17
Sandra	Devine	2/7	Marsha	Duffield	2/17
Thomas	Korpalski	2/7	Travis	Schultz	2/17
Sue	Strauch	2/7	Isaac	Stark	2/17
Susan	Mello	2/7	Bernadine	Herbeck	2/19
Ashley	Jacusis	2/7	Kenneth	Newell	2/19
Savannah	Steiner	2/7	Lisa	Spivey	2/19
Kathy	Long	2/8	Brandon	Stevens	2/19
Harry	Folkvord	2/9	Kelly	Hahn	2/19
Pat	Heidmann	2/9	Kathryn	Lantz	2/19
Sara	Bennerotte	2/9	Jason	Buchanan	2/20
Bonnie	Pettit	2/9	Ryan	Long	2/20
John	Lasiter	2/9	Clayton	Hefty	2/21
Ted	Tollefsen	2/10	Nancy	Bryant	2/21
Patsy	Magnuson	2/10	David	Nolan	2/22
Heather	Kniep	2/10	Marland	Meyer	2/23
Mason	Hickel	2/10	Judy	Hayes	2/23
Aiden	Stevens	2/10	Kristin	Zeller	2/23



Kevin	Milne	2/23
Marie	Kiehl	2/24
Richard	Kuhlman	2/24
Hans	Clef	2/24
Heather	Chase	2/24
Keith	Snodgrass	2/24
Tonee	Lopez	2/24
Mark	Hoffmann	2/25
Shirley	Donatt	2/26
Gary	DuBois	2/26
Cristy	Wellik	2/26
Bristol	Knoll	2/27
Doris	Gutz	2/28
Barbara	Bade	2/28
Kenneth	Krupp	2/28
Christian	Wellik	2/28
Jacob	Adamovic	2/28



Wayne & Heather	Chase	2/16/1957	Charles & Judith	Bell	2/27/1981
Harry & Helen	Folkvord	2/16/1957	Elizabeth & Thomas	Leonard	2/19/1983
Hans & Billie	Clef	2/20/1959	David & Rachelle	Wright	2/14/1987
Lee & Diane	Bergelin	2/4/1961	Lyle & Carole	Schossow	2/14/1989
Marv & Kay	Wellik	2/27/1965	Bron & Michelle	Steinmetz	2/7/1998
Anthony & Barbara	Fox	2/4/1967	Kenneth & Ann	Krupp	2/6/1999
Beverly & Robert	Jur	2/14/1970	Mac & LuAnn	McCarty	2/16/2001
Austin & Elaine	Culp	2/5/1972	Shannon & Jennifer	Miller	2/2/2002
David & Nancy	Klampert	2/14/1975	Bob & Marge	Brower	2/14/2004
Robert & Shirley	Moyer	2/28/1976	Matthew & Rebecca	Derr	2/29/2004