

# Sharon Lutheran Church

MARCH 2013

## *Lenten Wednesday Evenings*



Dinner begins at 6:00 pm and worship begins at 6:30 pm

This contemplative worship has been designed using Holden's "Prayer Around the Cross" and will be held downstairs in the smaller room that is part of the fellowship hall. Dinner will be held in the larger room. The weekly themes are as follows:

*March 6 Light and Salvation*

*March 13 Sighs too deep for words*

*March 20 Healing and Anointing*



## *Sunday Evenings Ministerium Worship begins at 6:00 pm*

*March 3: Christ United Methodist Church*

*March 10: All Saints Episcopal Church*

*March 17: St. Matthew's Lutheran Church*

*March 24: St. Pius X Seder at 1 pm (reservations are helpful).*



## *Holy Week Worship Schedule*

### *Maundy Thursday Service*

*March 28<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm*

### *Good Friday Evening Service*

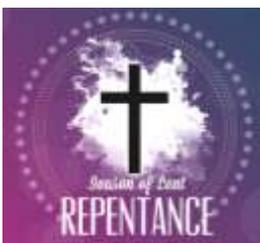
*March 29<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm*

### *Easter Vigil*

*March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm*

### *The Resurrection of Our Lord*

*March 31 8:00 am and 10:30 Holy Eucharist*



Easter Lily Orders are now being taken! See the order form within this newsletter.

## *Easter Egg Hunt*

*Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm*

*For children of ALL ages!*

*Fun, food, REAL Bunnies!!!*

Sponsored by our Fellowship Team  
Contact Nancy Martin 374-6388  
to be a helping hand for this event.





<sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). John 20: 15-16

*We respond to our name. When someone calls it, we turn, we look; the sound of it can break in on us and bring us to a new awareness, even if we have been distracted, focused on something else, or just day-dreaming. In the Gospel of John's account of the resurrection, Mary is caught up in her grief and her confusion. Jesus speaks Mary's name and suddenly she is roused from her grief and turns to Jesus. He is not the stranger she had presumed, but one who knows her and awakens her to God's promise and life surrounding her.*

*When we are caught up with grief, with concerns, with the busyness of life and living...Jesus breathes our name—calling us, rousing us, reminding us that we too are ones who are known; we too are ones surrounded by promise and life--new life in Jesus; we too are ones for whom the promise is true: no matter what, nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Christ is risen, He is risen, indeed!*

*God's Peace,*

*Pastor Doll*

Note:

I hope that you will worship with us throughout Holy Week on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Vigil of the Resurrection. The Selinsgrove Ministerium will be hosting a noon-3 pm Good Friday worship at St. Paul's UCC.

# MINISTRIES FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND TEENS

Contact = Robin Kunkel 374-8444 or [robinkunkel@gmail.com](mailto:robinkunkel@gmail.com)

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL during Lent**

Into the month of March the Sunday school classes will focus on two particular stories from the Bible; Mark 14:3-9 and Luke 23:13-56. "These stories invite us to ask ourselves how our actions and stewardship choices honor Jesus. In what ways do our actions as well as our words say, 'this is what I believe?'" Sunday school leaders will use a variety of activities that will familiarize children with the stories and invite questions about Lent and Jesus' resurrection.

## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

After the Lenten lessons with the children, we will offer the Stations of the Cross during their Sunday school time. Again, we will separate the eight station experiences into four stations, each on two consecutive Sundays. We are seeking 'station volunteers'. Please see Robin Kunkel if you can be a guide on March 3 or 10.



## **CHILDREN'S BIBLES**

As we embark into the Lenten Journey with our Sunday school children, the Christian Education Team would like to present the preschool through sixth graders with their own special Bibles. We are asking them to personalize them and for now, keep them in the classroom for use during Sunday school. Preschool through fourth graders will receive a Spark Bible that is easy to understand and has many colorful visual expressions of the story. The fifth and sixth graders will receive an NRSV Spark Bible to use in Sunday school and to follow through their confirmation exploration. We will be using the bibles every Sunday during Sunday school. Once the children are accustomed to using their bibles in class, they will be encouraged to sign them out and take them home to share with their families. We've been searching for many years to find a Bible that would suit our lessons as well as an 'at home' resource. We are so glad we finally found the Spark Bibles.

## **LUTHERAN YOUTH DAY AT S.U.**

**APRIL 13 for 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders**

"Live as Children of the Light!" is the theme for Lutheran Youth Day. Lutheran Youth Day begins at 9:15am at Susquehanna University for sixth through twelfth graders. Small and large group sessions are organized and facilitated by S.U. students. Rachel Kurtz will complete the day with a concert at the end of the afternoon. Rachel [www.rachelkurtz.com](http://www.rachelkurtz.com) is known well among the youth and adult leaders in the ELCA. She wrote and performed the theme song for the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. The cost is \$10.00 per person and due by April 8. We will meet as a group at Sharon Lutheran at 9am and return there after the concert around 5:45pm. Lunch and concert are included in the cost. Contact Robin Kunkel 374-8444 or [robinkunkel@gmail.com](mailto:robinkunkel@gmail.com), to get your name on the list!

## **CONFIRMATION CORNER**

**DATES TO REMEMBER**  
MARCH 1 & 2  
**CONFIRMATION RETREAT** at  
Camp Mount Luther

MARCH 17  
Evening group from 5-7pm

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### CAMP MOUNT LUTHER: SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS



Summer camp is not only an adventure in the beautiful hills in the Mifflinburg area, but an experience that lasts lifetime! Sharon is happy to announce we are able to sponsor three levels of scholarships for 2013.

Level 1 = all campers from Sharon Lutheran will be awarded a \$100.00 per camper scholarship

Level 2 = 4 first time campers from Sharon Lutheran will be awarded half payment of camp fee

Level 3 = 2 full scholarship of a Sharon Lutheran camper on an as needed basis

To qualify for \$100.00, you must contact Robin Kunkel **BEFORE** sending in your registration. Level 2 will be given to the first 4 campers and Level 3, to the first 2.

Early bird deadline for camper registration is April 1, 2013. We also have a volunteer to drive and pick up any camper(s) registering for Day Camp! Contact Robin Kunkel

374-8444 [robinkunkel@gmail.com](mailto:robinkunkel@gmail.com) to seek scholarships.

### SUMMER MISSION TRIP: ages 16-adult

LutheranHANDS is an organization that plans and carries out mission trips both locally and on a larger scale. Even though we are into winter, it's never too early to start thinking about the hot heat of July. LutheranHANDS is offering national mission trips on two different weeks in July, to Birmingham, Alabama. We would like to take a group from Sharon Lutheran. Contact Nancy Martin 374-6388 or Robin Kunkel 374- 8444 to sign up. Your spot will be secured with a \$100 deposit and the final payment of \$325 is due April 14th, 2013. There may be time for one or two fundraisers before the deadline; so don't delay in contacting Nancy or Robin. We encourage you to visit [LutheranHANDS.org](http://LutheranHANDS.org) for more details about the trip and organization.

### VISIT the CHURCH LIBRARY!

There is a corner of the library specifically focused on devotional and spiritual material, prayer, death and dying and self-reflective books. Lent would be a good time to choose one of the books and contemplate your faith life and mission as a church family. There are also plenty of books for family, children, teens, youth and a variety of fiction.

### Leave a Legacy for Ministry and Mission-The IRA Rollover is back-AGAIN!



In January 2013 the US Congress extended the IRA Rollover to 31 December 2013. This act allows donors 70 ½ or older to make gifts up to \$100,000 from their Traditional IRA directly to a charity without any Federal tax implications this year. (This law does not apply to a 401k, 403b or other qualified pension accounts.) The donor does not have to pay income tax on the withdrawal nor does the donor receive a charitable tax deduction. Furthermore, the donation does not count against the maximum charitable gifts allowed in any year. The charitable gift cannot be used to fund a Life Income Agreement like a Charitable Gift Annuity or a Charitable Remainder Trust nor can it be

donated to a Donor Advised Fund but can be used to fulfill a campaign pledge. The withdrawal to make a charitable gift can be used to satisfy the IRA required minimum distribution required by law. Please note: IRA plan administrators must make the check in the name of the charity but can send the check to the donor for delivery. For a sample letter or for more information about how to use your IRA or other assets to make charitable gifts call Pr. Greg Kramer at the Lutheran Planned Giving Office at 570-374-2044 or call the Foundation of the ELCA, 800-638-3522, ext. 2970 or visit our website at [www.elca.org/fo](http://www.elca.org/fo).

## *Council Action Items*

- a. Janet Bilger was elected Vice-President of the Council.
- b. Moved and approved that the M&T checking and savings account will be closed at the Treasurer's discretion.
- c. Moved and approved that the Finance Team investigate a new bank to manage our trust funds.
- d. Moved and approved the election of Art Bowen to the Audit Team.

Dear friends,  
 Many thanks for your recent donation of food to the Cupboard. Those in need will be helped due to your kindness and generosity. Every day is a reason for giving, and giving is the key to living.  
 Yours in Christian Love,  
**Selinsgrove area Kitchen Cupboard**

*Happy Birthday to...*



Dagle, Evan	3/2	Savidge, Dalton	3/10	Bowersox, Frances	3/21
Soper, Jerry	3/2	Young, Richard	3/11	Keeney, Michael	3/21
Partica, Elwood	3/5	Frymoyer, Dale	3/13	Dagle, Sean	3/23
Fisher, Thelma	3/7	Hoke, Abigale	3/14	Beaver, Beverly	3/24
Lindquist, Theodore	3/7	Pennay, Jeffrey	3/14	Bordner, Debbie	3/24
		Renninger, Dorine	3/14	Whitman, Jeffrey	3/25
		Gautsch, Jim	3/15	Remaley, William	3/26
		Barborek, Emily	3/16	Bohm, William	3/29
		Bowen, Karen	3/20	Heuer, Mark	3/29
		Keeney, Kathryn	3/20	Goundie, Donna	3/30
		Savidge, Marjorie	3/20	Marziale, Ella	3/30

## *We Remember in Prayer.....*

Dale Bickhart, Carol Bartoe, Rodger Bergquist, Doris Brouse, John Burk, Amy Bush, Pat Campbell, Sue Catherman, Ruth Corbin, Holly Daubenspeck, Sally Diehl, Hugh Dinsmore, Carol Farris, Teresa Flynn, Wade Ganns, Markye Greenawald, Colin Grube, Mary Haddon, Suah Harris, Mitch Himmelberger, Jeremy Hoffman, David Holmes, Jr., Sara Holmes, Valerie Holmes, Kendra Hoover, Megan Keeney, Paul Kerstetter, Destany Kile, Jean Leach, Pastor Ted Lindquist, Robert Master, Jennifer Merrill, Susan Mull, Mary Partica, the Purnell family, Rita Regel, Tina Reichenbach, Linda Remler, Ernie Renninger, Laurie Riggs, Carl Scholl, Riley Schwalm, Mary Sheridan, Myron "Nip" Shirk, Jim Smiley, Lura Sollenberger, Brenda Sprenkle, Wendy Stauffer, Felicyal Stern, Robert Stetler, Rev. Cathy Stevenson, Rick Sweigart, Linda Wetzal, Ken and Chris Whitebread

**Deployed in Military Service:** Josh George, Kimber Creamer, Ryan Kuster, Matthew Sharp, Jake Tomko

The Resurrection of Our Lord will be celebrated on March 31. If you would like to remember or honor a loved one by placing a lily in the nave for Easter, please return this form to the church office or place in the offering plate by March 11. The cost per plant is \$8.50.

\_\_\_\_\_ IN MEMORY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ IN HONOR OF: \_\_\_\_\_

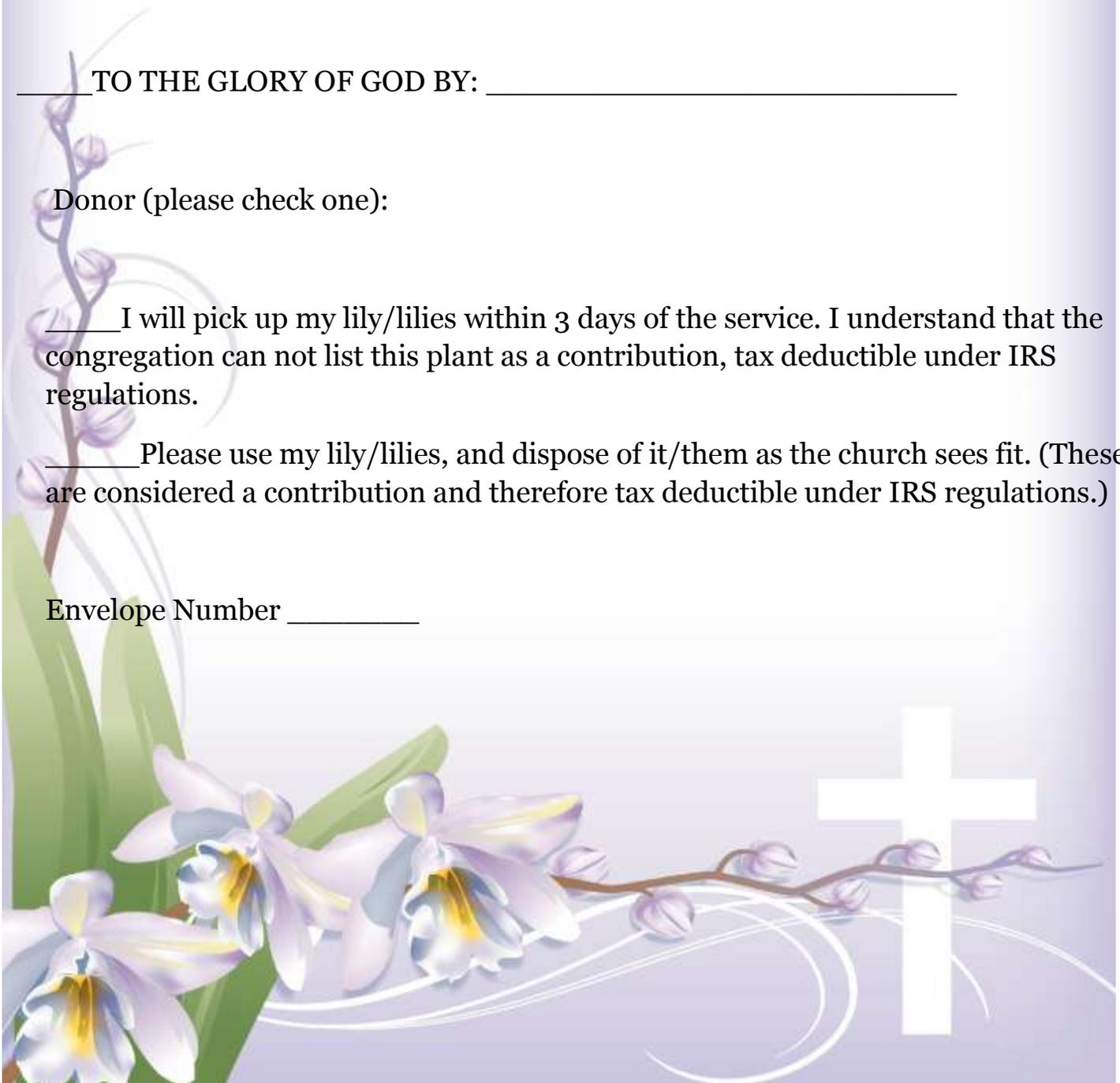
\_\_\_\_\_ TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Donor (please check one):

I will pick up my lily/lilies within 3 days of the service. I understand that the congregation can not list this plant as a contribution, tax deductible under IRS regulations.

Please use my lily/lilies, and dispose of it/them as the church sees fit. (These are considered a contribution and therefore tax deductible under IRS regulations.)

Envelope Number \_\_\_\_\_



## EDITORIALS

**The Ridge:** The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, March, 2013

My current Online Seminary Course “Ethnography as a Pastoral Practice,” is a fully engaging research study. Taught by Dr. Gilson Waldkoenig, Professor of Church and Society at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, the studies entail research involving faith practices and various “Places of Faith,” both traditional and non-traditional. Required to select a Research site base, I was moved to select a sister congregation not too far up the Susquehanna River, jam-packed with history of canal, river and railroad history days and even some cemetery background. Although the established date of the Northumberland congregation is cited as 1817, I find evidence of a “laying out of land in 1772” for area designated as a “needed for a House of God.” A not so simple path then finally evolved into what is St. John’s today and what was my home church as a child. My specific research will involve exploration of the development of communion practices at the church. I am working with and interviewing congregation members there, listening to their faith stories. It is a pleasure to study with Dr. Waldkoenig, my classmates, Research Site Pastor & Authorized Lay Worship Leader Mentor the Rev MarthaSue D. Moll of St. John’s.

*Carol Black*

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In a January class which focused on leadership, my seminary classmates and I were asked to answer this question: *How will I teach and preach the bible so that the people I lead become more confident interpreters of Scripture and develop a biblical imagination?* Notice that the goal was not for me, the future pastor, to be a confident interpreter with a biblical imagination, but those whom I hopefully will equip to do so.

There is an implied message in that question which speaks to a future vision for the church. It may be led by pastors set apart for ordained ministry, but the heavy lifting will be done by the priesthood of all believers. All of us will carry the responsibility for sharing with and teaching new generations of believers who will be charged with carrying out God's work in the world. We'll need to do it with creativity and innovation steadfast in the conviction that a creative God will lead us.

As we move through this season of Lent which is traditionally not only a time of self-examination and repentance, but one of learning, I am wondering what you feel you need to learn about God's word and work in the world. What would help you to become a confident interpreter of scripture? What do you need to learn which would allow you to awaken the possibility of faith in others as well as contribute to your own faith?

I am pondering these questions as well and look forward to hearing your responses.

I would also invite you to watch a TED talk by Benjamin Zander in which he talks about leadership and classical music. When he says “classical music” think “church.” You can find his presentation by typing his name in any internet search engine (Google it!).

*“The conductor of an orchestra doesn't make a sound. He depends for his power on his ability to make other people powerful. My job is to awaken possibility in other people. Do you know how you can tell if you are doing that? You look at their eyes. If their eyes are shining, you know you are doing it. If their eyes are not shining, you get to ask a question: Who am I being that my players' eyes are not shining? You can do it with your children too. Who am I being that my children's eyes are not shining? My definition for success has nothing to do with money, fame or power. Rather I count how many eyes are shining.” – Benjamin Zander*

May we all learn to make the eyes of others shine!

*Vicar Rick*

# MARCH VOLUNTEER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Cantor/CA</b>	<b>Altar Guild</b>
<b>March 3</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	
			Alma Pauling	Don Bottiger Paul Culbertson	Lowell Leitzel	Judy Johnston (B)
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	Dean + Judy Longacre	Markie Reiland	Joyce Kuster	Bob + Vi Soper	Dawn Doll Maureen Ries Sue Starr	Audrey Deckard Mary Hummel
<b>March 10</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	
	Matt + April Metzger		April Metzger	Terry Kissinger Jack Spigelmyer	Chris Lupolt	Alma Pauling (B)
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	Mary Hummel Linda McMillin	Olivia Dunkle	Nancy Murray	Sue Starr Dorothy Anderson	Bob Bradford Keith Kunkel Kyle Nickler	Karen Bowen Grace Housley
<b>March 17</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	
	Jim + Carole App	Aaron Weirick	Roseann Stetler	Bill + Barb Remaley	Dawn Doll	Roseann Stetler (B)
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	Joyce + Theresa Kuster	Brandon Dunkle	Theresa Kuster	Todd + Laura Aungst	Philip Riggs Kathy Reiland Eric Rowe	Ruth Reuning Linda Gautsch
<b>March 24</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	
	Don + Dana Kemberling	Kyle + Courtney Kemberling	Brandy Savidge	Neil + Linda Bohm	Sue Pennay	Barb Remaley (B)
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	Harvey + Nancy Murray	Jessica Beaver	Harvey Murray	Tim + Teresa Berger Harvey + Nancy Murray	Lowell Leitzel Art Bowen Dave Deckard	Linda McMillin Carol Harrison Joyce Kuster
<b>March 31</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	
	John + Mary Pendley	Megan + Elise Keeney	John Pendley	Roseann Stetler	Philip Riggs	Maureen Ries (B)
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	Chris + Kathy Reiland	Hannah Doll Sarah Fedder	Linda McMillin	Mike + Janet Bilger Chris + Kathy Reiland	Victoria Doll Casey Reiland Madison Weirick	Mary Seiler Marian Thomas