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The Parish Door

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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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Holy Week

The Eight Days of Holy Week

Sunday of the Passion - Palm Sunday, April 9th

This is our entry into Holy Week when we enact the events that lie at the heart of our faith. We gather in Fellowship Hall (please come early!) and begin with a procession with palms into the sanctuary. We will hear a dramatic reading of the Passion story, recounting for us the whole sweep of Jesus' final days in Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday, April 13th

Maundy Thursday is our entry into The Great Three Days when we sit with Jesus in the Upper Room, walk along the path of suffering which leads to crucifixion and death, and finally to the tomb where he conquered the last enemy, death itself. Maundy Thursday derives its name from the "mandatum," Latin for "command." This is Jesus' command, his mandate, that we love one another. With his disciples in the Upper Room, he washed the disciples' feet and then instituted the Supper which feeds his people whenever they gather.

The 4:00pm Maundy Thursday service is a reflective service with singing, prayer, silence, and communion.

At the **6:00pm Maundy Thursday service**, we enter into the table fellowship of the early church, gathering around tables to remember, to break bread, and receive Christ's body and blood. Since this service requires a lot of organizing, please use the sign-up sheet in the newsletter and return it to the church by Monday, April 10.

Good Friday - April 14, 7 PM

With the Good Friday Liturgy of the Cross at 7:00 p.m., we gather not to mourn Jesus' death or to enact his funeral, but to honor his life-giving passion and to find strength and hope in the tree of life.

Easter Sunday - Festival of the Resurrection

- April 16th, 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

Easter is the most holy day of the year. It marks the victory of Jesus over the forces of sin, law, death and the devil. It marks our victory as well.



The Lord is Risen!

Don't forget the Easter Breakfast Between the two Easter Services at 9:15 AM. Come and Support the Youth going to Camp.

There's a new parson in the Door!

Sheryl and I are here! And we are excited to begin our new life here in Door County and Shepherd of the Bay Church. We drove up on the last Saturday of March with our two dogs, Suzie and Saphia and are staying in a temporary home in Gills Rock until mid-May.

We are already intoxicated with the beauty and quiet of the surroundings. People keep telling us, "You're going to love it here." We think they're right!

Of course, there's more to this move than the beauty of Door County. I'm thrilled to be serving with you as your pastor. There is so much to be excited about. In these first months, I hope to get to know you and to begin forging the partnership that God has called us to through our baptismal covenant.

I love the church, even with all of her flaws and imperfections. I have never been pastor of a perfect church, and the churches where I have served have never had a perfect pastor. Still, we learn to love each other deeply. We delight in the gifts we have to share with each other and the world. We speak the truth in love with one another. We join hands and hearts as we do God's work in the world.

This marks the beginning of a journey in which we will be accompanied and empowered by the goodness, grace, and promises of a loving God. What's not to love about that?!

Peace,
Pr. Jim Honig
sotbpastor@gmail.com

Directory Update !!!

We are updating the photos in the directory. Did you take a great family photo at Christmas time? Is the baby sitting in your lap in the current photo now a high school senior? Please send a current photo to the church office at sotboffice@yahoo.com or call the church and I can take a photo of you. Photos taken with smart phones work great!

To access the directory, go to www.instantchurchdirectory.com/app and download the correct app for your phone. You can also find detailed directions on our website at www.shepherdofthebay.org/directory.

About Name Badges

Now that Shepherd of the Bay has a new pastor, it is time for you to locate your name badge and prepare to wear it every Sunday—over 200 of you already have badges!

If you previously did not request a name badge, please sign up now so that these can be prepared. Sign up sheets will be available for the next several Sundays.

Where do I store my name badge?

Keep it with you—in your car, in your purse or any other special place where you'll remember it. **Do not** leave it at church in a pile on the table in the narthex. The Worship and Music committee discussed this topic at length and concluded that badges should be kept by individuals—a rack at church is just not feasible:

- We have too many members for a rack to be effective and convenient
- A rack would clutter the Narthex and we have made it a goal to declutter this area so that is more welcoming
- Temporary name badges are available for the times when you might mislay your permanent badge.

If you have any further questions about this project, please call Marilyn Peterson, name badge chair at (920)854-4657.

NEWS FROM THE MUSIC CORNER

Shepherd of the Bay has a full musical schedule in April! Here are just some of the highlights for worship services:

April 5 at 7:00 p.m. (preceded by a 6:00 meal) the Confirmation Class will lead us in the final Wednesday evening service, with Prelude and Postlude presented by our talented young Confirmands, led by Jeremy Schwab.

April 9 ushers in Holy Week, beginning with Palm Sunday's waving of the palms by our Sunday School children as we enter into worship with choir, organ, piano and congregational singing.

The choir will again sing with piano at the 6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Table of the Lord service. A quiet service with organ will occur at 4:00 that afternoon. Both services will offer communion.

Friday evening at 7:00, the musicians and friends of Shepherd of the Bay will present a Good Friday service, with choir, clergy, organ and piano. This ecumenical solemn service follows a long tradition of sharing the significance of the event with our many friends in the community, so please invite your neighbors to attend with you! There is always room in the choir for more voices!

April 16 is EASTER! HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN, INDEED! Shepherd of the Bay will offer two opportunities to worship that morning, at 8:00 and again at 10:00. Both services will enjoy the musical presence of the full sanctuary choir, trumpet, organ and piano collaboration for Prelude and Postlude and so much more!

After a full and meaningful April in the church family of Shepherd of the Bay, our thoughts will turn toward two musical offerings over Memorial Day Weekend in May. Our Lyric Opera of Chicago friends are returning after a year's absence! On Saturday, May 27 at 7:00 p.m., soprano Desirée Hassler, mezzo-soprano Pamela Williams, tenor John Concepcion and baritone Michael Cavalieri will join our own Judith Jackson in an evening of song and American music theater (Rodgers and Hammerstein). The event promises to offer something for everyone ... serious Art song, sacred selections, entertaining musical theater and youthful participation from the eight children that travel with their singing parents.

Our four singing artists will return on Sunday morning to grace our 9:00 a.m. worship service with three musical selections chosen specifically for Shepherd of the Bay. They will add their talents to those of the sanctuary choir, organ, piano and congregation in a rich expression of worship.

SO, WE NEED YOUR HELP! One of our housing arrangements has fallen through! Desirée's family needs a place to stay for the Memorial Day Weekend. Desirée and Dan have four children who could bring sleeping bags and enjoy the coziness of a small cottage. A larger space, although ideal, is not necessary for this family. They just need a place to be together. If you have a cabin, cottage or condo that could accommodate this lovely family, please contact Mary Perdue or Greg Beem. WE WOULD BE SO GRATEFUL!

Thanks, everyone! This church continues to bless this community with worship, music and sacrament. Shepherd of the Bay is truly a beacon on the hill for so many!

Social 6

SHEPHERD OF THE BAY SOCIAL 6 groups continue to meet during the month of March. They are enjoying meeting together for a meal and wonderful Christian Fellowship. During January, February and March, four SOCIAL 6 Groups were formed according to the months they are spending in Door County.

New groups will be formed for MAY, JUNE and JULY with a slight change in the format of these groups. Be sure to sign up and if you have never joined a group, give it some thought - you will find that you will enjoy the fellowship and get to know your fellow church members much better.





40 DAYS OF GIVING began on March 1 (Ash Wednesday) and goes until Easter Sunday on April 16th. Our challenge is for each member to give \$1.00 each day for the ELCA's World Hunger Drive. Make these 40 days of Lent a time for giving for national and global hunger - you can make a difference in someone's life - give so others may live. A box in the Narthex is provided for your donations along with more information.

Our WELCA unit is the link to the PRAYER CHAIN. Bonnie Hanson, Carol Omernick and Cheri Boock are the contacts for your prayer requests. Scott Henry works the technical magic that makes the prayer chain phone calls possible. Remember - be sure to get permission from the prayer recipient to put him/her on the prayer chain - send the prayer requests to Bonnie, Carol or Cheri via an email (this makes it easier to place the requests on the prayer chain email list).

PRAYER DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE
LIFE IS FRAGILE - HANDLE WITH PRAYER!

APRIL EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

APRIL 1 - APRIL 16 - 40 DAYS OF GIVING

APRIL 3, 10, 17, 24 - KEN'S BIBLE STUDY - 9:00 A.M. - Parlor

APRIL 6, 13, 20, 27 - MISSIONS PROJECTS - 9:15 - 2:00 - Fellowship Hall

APRIL 11 - BOARD MEETING - 1:00 - Parlor

APRIL 18 -VERNAMAE'S BIBLE STUDY - 1:00 - PLACE TBA

APRIL 20 - BOOK GROUP - 9:30 - PLACE TBA

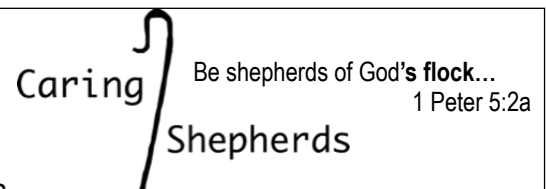
MEALS MINISTRY –

MEAL MINISTRY contact for APRIL is MARY PURDUE at 839-2394/421-0390. If you know a family or individual who could use our attention, please call Mary or if you would like your name added to the list of women willing to prepare and deliver meals, please call Pat Skogsbakken at 854-1133 or Cheri Boock at 920-421-1210.

Cheri Boock – President of WELCA

CARING SHEPHERDS is a Shepherd of the Bay outreach ministry for homebound members to help them stay connected with the church. Dick Luther and Ken Bergner are doing the videoing of our church services for the months of February and March. These videos are distributed to members who cannot attend church on a regular basis along with a short visit or a written note. Keith Wickert and Carol Omernick have been doing the downloading and burning of discs for February and March. Carol downloads the sermons on You Tube and on the SHEPHERD OF THE BAY WEBSITE (check it out).

If you know of someone who could use the services of the CARING SHEPHERDS, please contact Cheri Boock or Carol Omernick. The committee is also looking for anyone who would like to join the committee - please contact Cheri Boock.



Stories from Guatemala Mission Trip

by Carol Omernick

On March 10-18, a group from Shepherd of the Bay joined Peace Lutheran Church of Antigo, WI on a mission trip to Guatemala. This would be my 4th time going so I thought I knew what to expect.

The middle of February I learned I would be able to meet Alex, the boy I have been sponsoring for the past year. We asked if he and his family needed anything and it was decided to repair the roof on his house and a few other small things. After the Ash Wednesday meal was canceled due to bad weather we took up a donation at church and received the \$500. for repairs.

Alex is 11 years old and lives with his grandmother, Juana and his older sister Jennifer. He has been in the Bethany Program for 4 years. Thru this sponsorship program he and his family receive a food basket each month and the help need to keep the family together and step out of poverty. We were able to replace the rusty tin roof (see pictures below) on the family's adobe house which blew off during the last rainy season. We also replaced some rotten boards on the widow house (below in red) and built a door for the adobe house.



left: Old rusty roof and beams coming off.



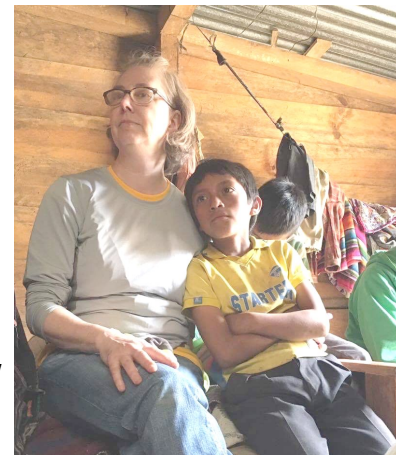
right: New tin roof and beams going on.



above: Alex, his grandmother, Juana, his aunt and little Juana.

Jed & I had a great time with Alex! He wanted to show us everything! He is taking Spanish in school so we could speak a little and we also spoke thru an interpreter. He and Jed had fun playing football (soccer) with the new ball we brought him. Before we left Alex read us a Bible story in Spanish about Zacchaeus and we prayed together.

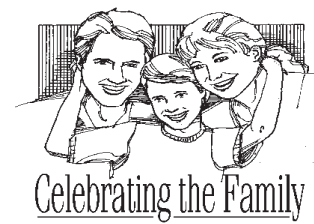
I want to thank Shepherd of the Bay for helping Alex and his family. A piece of my heart now lives in Guatemala.



right: Jed & Alex blowing bubbles and playing soccer.



Youth and Family Ministry News from Jane Burress



Thank you Jeremy/Cindi Schwab and Confirmation Youth for leading our Lenten Services. Great job!

Thank you to Dick Burress, Peter Kordon, Carol/Chris Ash, Brent/Camilla Hitzeman, Eloise Lindem, Heather Andersen, Jenny/Mark Sitte, Shannon Jungwirth, Ben/Lori Pothast, Joel/Holly Thomas, Bonnie Hanson, and all of the high school youth who helped with Lenten meals. We raised \$1,040 for youth camps/trips.

Road to Easter Outreach Event

For all toddlers/preschoolers and a parent/caregiver April 12, 10:30a.m. Bring a bag lunch if you want to stay for a noon meal. Bring your trike, bike, scooter, or other vehicle to ride from station to station learning about Holy Week. This is a great opportunity to invite young families to our church.



Easter Lilies, Tulips & Daffodils Order Form

The Easter plants can be picked up after the last service on Easter Sunday. Please list your name, phone number and if the flowers are in memory or are in honor of someone.

Enclose your check with this form and return it to the church office. The deadline for ordering plants will be Friday, April 7th.

Circle one: Single LILY (\$15) TULIP (\$18) DAFFODIL (\$18)

Please Print -

NAME _____

PHONE _____

IN MEMORY/ IN HONOR OF _____



Sunday School News

by Lynne Buchner



March has been a month of participation for our children with sermons, lent meal/ services and Girl Scout Sunday where they learned how to usher, read lessons and take offering. April will bring more exciting things. We have Palm Sunday, an Easter egg hunt after Easter breakfast and a special Sunday School movie event on Easter for our lesson from Sparkhouse. Its such a joy having all the children learn about God and Jesus!



Flowers to take to Scand made by the Wonderful Wednesday Children (below).

Kristi Appel and Jane Burress attended a conference for children's and youth Ministry.

Thank you to everyone who donated to World Vision. The high school youth raised \$5,050 for world hunger.

It's been wonderful to see so many children and youth involved in the church service. Please make sure to thank and encourage them so they feel a part of our church family.



Photos from the Guatemala Mission Trip

More photos can be found on our website, shepherdofthebay.org along with a video of the trip. For more information on how you can join us in 2018, contact John & Nora Zacek or the church office.



Blankets, Backpacks and Bears for each family we visited.



Reading and explaining the Bible story of Zacchaeus to the family in their new home. 1) God see you. 2) God knows your name 3) God Loves you.



left: Shoe giveaway. They give 50 pairs of shoes a week so kids can attend school.

above & right. Building a widow house.



Water Station for Water Filters

The Mission team is looking for 10-12 volunteers to help with a water station for the Door County Half marathon on Saturday, May 6th from 9:15 - 11:35am.

The race is held in Peninsula State Park and our station will be across the road from the Cemetery. Anyone 5th grade or older can help hand out cups of water and gatorade to the runners. We can raise \$500 which will buy 5 water filters for the 2018 Guatemala Mission Trip.

For more information or to sign up talk to Carol O. in the church office (854-2988).

World Marketplace

The mission team also brought back a fresh supply of Guatemalan fair trade Coffee! Quantities are limited.



Stephen Ministry

People often ask "What exactly is a Stephen Minister". One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are AFTER PEOPLE.

AFTER the phone call you hoped you'd never get.

AFTER the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.

AFTER the relationship falls apart and the bottom falls out of your life.

AFTER the doctor says, "I'm sorry, but there's nothing more we can do."

AFTER the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, "Welcome to your new home."

AFTER the last child honks the horn, waves and drives away - and the house is empty.

AFTER the gavel comes down, the handcuffs go on and your loved one is led away.

AFTER your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the After People. They are ready to come alongside you and provide comfort and support for as long AFTER as needed.

Please call George Cobb or the church office with any questions.



Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church Council Minutes March 20, 2017

Present: Jenny Sitte, Alicia Kropuenske, Greg Casperson, Ron Hupe, Carl Jackson, Barb Meyer, Grace Rossman, Scott Henry (by phone)
Absent: Holly Thomas, John Skogsbakken

The council meeting opened in prayer at 6:00pm.

The minutes from the February meeting were reviewed with a motion made by Carl Jackson and a second by Greg Casperson. Motion accepted.

The committee reports were given as follows:

Call Committee: Grace Rossman had us review the contract for Pastor James Honig.

Pastor Jim will begin work in the office on the 28th of March with an installation date set for June 25th. We talked about how wonderful it has been that people continue to step up to make Shepherd of the Bay a wonderful place to worship and how we need to continue that work even with a new Pastor in place.

Property & Grounds: Tom Tuttle has been actively helping around the Church and working on projects with Property & Grounds. Bids for siding and roof continue to be obtained to see what the best options might be.

Worship & Music: The committee discussed with Jeremy Schwab the positive reception of the Wednesday evening services led by the Confirmation class. There is an ongoing need for ushers for the 9:00 Sunday morning services so please consider helping out. The Holy week services were discussed with an additional special meeting being held on March 31st so Pastor Honig can join and shape the Holy Week services.

Education & Youth: Jane attended a Recharge Children & Youth Conference in Green Bay with Kristi Appel. The 30 hour famine raised \$5,050 for World Hunger and the youth raised \$1,040 at two Lenten meals with Thrivent cards paying the expenses. There was a request from Lynne Buchner & Jane to have a credit card or Paypal account to pay for Sunday School Supplies/Youth expenses. Ron Hupe, treasurer, is looking into options for them.

New Committee (health/wellness, outreach, missions, etc): We are tabling discussion on this until the April meeting with Pastor Honig and more council members will be present.

A motion from Greg Casperson to approve the committee reports with a second from Jenny Sitte. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was given by Ron Hupe. The report included the balance sheet, the revenue statement/operating statement along with an update on the debt reduction. The monthly giving was down slightly from budget, but expenses were also down from the budget amount. Ron was able to get Cindi Schwab set up as a check signer on the account. He also made a motion to adjust the treasurer's salary to divide the total amount between him and Cindi Schwab. Motion second by Greg Casperson. Motion carried. Ron will also be updating the software used for offering donations. A motion made by Greg Casperson to accept the treasurer's report, second by Alicia Kropuenske. Motion carried.

The next Council meeting will be held Monday April 24th instead of the 18th to allow a few more council members to attend. We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Alicia Kropuenske, secretary

Altar Guild :

April - Bob & Sharon Pluff
May - Lorraine Hoyt & Sharon Pluff

If you are available to usher at the 9:00am service, please sign up on the bulletin board in back of church or call the office at 920-854-2988.

Readers :

Early Service

Late Service

April 2	Dan Farwell	Karl Omernick
April 9	Carolyn Hitzeman	Karl Omernick
April 16	Jan Stromen	Marilyn Peterson
April 23	OPEN	Ben Pothast
April 30	Gloria Serkland	Gladys Austgen
May 7	Scott Henry	Lori Pothast
May 15	Jan Mielke	OPEN
May 21	Lynne Luker	Karl Omernick
May 28	OPEN	Scott Henry

Ushers :

April 2	OPEN
April 9	OPEN
April 16	Bob & Sharon Pluff
April 23	OPEN
April 30	OPEN
May 7	OPEN
May 15	OPEN
May 21	OPEN
May 28	OPEN

Altar Flowers

The 2017 Flower chart is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. The Cost is \$25.00 per arrangement. Fill in your name, if it is in memory or honor of someone and if you want one or two arrangements. You can take the flowers home after the 2nd Service. Please sign up to donate Altar Flowers.

Memorials

Donna Nelson
Chuck & Lana Tencate

Marianne Smith
Mary Perdue
Chuck & Lana Tencate

Jon Peterson
Chuck & Lana Tencate

Karl Johnson (Music Fund and Scholarships)

Gladys Austgen	Dick & Jane Burress	Robert Carlson	Greg & Debbie Casperson
Gen Follingstad	Peter Franke	Nancy Goss	Richard Hallstrand
Virginia Hanson	Dennis Hendrickson	Conrad Johnson	Werner & Sue Krause
Eloise Lindem	C L Nelson	Judith Nelson	Cheryl Olson
Bob & Sharon Pluff	Ron & Jan Stromen	Lee Telfer	Chuck & Lana Tencate
Dennis Voight	Curtis Wiltse		

Clara Baack

Carol Champeau	Thomas Hinnenthal	Suzi Hass	Chuck & Lana Tencate
Dennis & Mary Fales			

Lessons and Prayers

April 2: Fifth Sunday in Lent

First Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Second Lesson: Romans 8:6-11

Holy Gospel: John 11:1-45

Introduction to the readings: Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life.

April 9: Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

Processional Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11

First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Second Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11

Holy Gospel: Matthew 26:14 - - 27:66

Introduction to the readings: Today's liturgy begins with a palm procession, commemorating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Quickly the tone of the service changes as we meditate upon Jesus' passion and death. Though Jesus is obedient even unto death on the cross, he is exalted by God. We gather to remember his offering for the life of the world, and to be fed by his life-giving mercy.

April 16: Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day

First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

Second Lesson: Colossians 3:1-4

Holy Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

Introduction to the readings: On this day the Lord has acted! On the first day of the week God began creation, transforming darkness into light. On this, the "eighth day" of the week, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead. Filled with hope, we go forth to share the news that Christ is risen!

April 23: Second Sunday of Easter

First Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31

Introduction to the readings: The risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives.

April 30 Third Sunday of Easter

First Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 1:17-23

Holy Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Introduction to the readings: Two disciples are walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them, and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread.



April Coffee Hour Group

Co-chair: Lon & Ruth Kopitzke 854-2469
Stan & Jane Whiteman 868-2997

Jim & Kristi Appel 421-0377
Steve & Julia Chomeau 854-9543
Collin & Jennifer Dahl 854-7979
Don & Lynn Hanson 839-9601
Virginia Henz 854-2164
Sandra Olson 421-1657
Carl & Pat Lee 854-5345
Judy Nelson 854-2507
Lynn Pluff 421-2205
Glen & Grace Rossman 854-5574
Russell Smith 854-9471
Jeni Tveten 854-5740
Stan & Jane Whiteman 868-2997
Jerry & Joan Zaug 854-5281
Terry & Linda Zielke 854-2775

May Coffee Hour Group

Co-Chair:
Rod & Sandy Synnes 854-9105
Frank & Carol Weber 854-1877

Dan & Valerie Austgen 839-5620
Robin Butchart 421-1015
Carl T. & Cheryl Carlson 854-5706
Scott & Cathy Henry 839-9496
George & Gloria Kodes 854-4815
Sheila Koessl 854-9456
Jan Mielke 854-5308
Jim & Judi Nelson 854-5910
Carol Newman 854-3042
Clint & Judy Robison 854-4626
Shirley Rosenquist 854-4404
Ed Stone 421-3886
Carole Swenson 854-9250
Chuck & Lana Tencate 854-5551
David & Debbie Tesnow 854-9359
Donald & Dorothy Voight 854-4424
John & Nora Zacek 854-5503
Jerry & Joan Zaug 854-5281