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Mission Statement – “*Loving God, Loving People*”

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2026

THE WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:00 AM In-Person & Zoom

In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

WELCOME

Announcements

Prelude

*** A Call to Worship**

P: The question is still a valid one, O God,

C: "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

P: For many in our generation still do not know you.

C: "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah."

P: Many in this world still have not heard.

C: "And still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

P: But we know, O God.

C: "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

P: Build up your Church on this true faith, O God.

C: For such faith is truly a rock.

P: Drive out all doubts.

C: For then we will know Christ to be the Way, and the Truth, and the Life--

P: the ETERNAL life. Through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.
He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now ...

C: and forever. Amen.

*** Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

C: we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

P: Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."
In the name of God,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

C: Amen.

* Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

(Setting 7 – Page 175)

S 175



Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
Lord, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . .

so - tros. mer - cy. Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -
Lord, . . have mer - cy on

dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
us; O . . . Lord, have . . mer - cy.

Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
Christ, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Christ, have . .

so - tros. mer - cy. Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie -
Christ, . . have mer - cy on

dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
us; O . . . Christ, have . . mer - cy.

Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
Lord, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . .

so - tros.
mer - cy.

Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -
Lord, . . have mer - cy on

dad;
us;

ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
O . . . Lord, have . . mer - cy.

* Gloria

(Setting 7 – Page 176)

S 176

¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!

¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!

Y en la tie - rra paz pa-ra a-que-llos que a-ma el Se - ñor.
And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo - ry to God.

Y en la tie - rra paz pa-ra a-que-llos que a-ma el Se - ñor.
And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo - ry to God.

* Prayer of the Day

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

First Lesson: *Isaiah 51:1-6*

¹ Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

² Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah, who bore you,
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

³ For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴ Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation,
for a teaching will go out from me
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly;
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens
and look at the earth beneath,
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats,
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody: *Psalms 138*

- ¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with [|] my whole heart;
before the gods I will [|] sing your praise.
- ² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your steadfast [|] love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word a- [|] bove all things.**
- ³ When I called, you [|] answered me;
you increased my [|] strength within me.
- ⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise [|] you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words [|] of your mouth.**
- ⁵ They will sing of the ways [|] of the LORD,
that great is the glory [|] of the LORD.
- ⁶ **The LORD is high, yet cares [|] for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty [|] from afar.**
- ⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you [|] keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your
right [|] hand shall save me.
- ⁸ **You will make good your pur- [|] pose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the
works [|] of your hands.**

Second Lesson: *Romans 12:1-8*

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

* Gospel Acclamation

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S 179a

iA - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

iA - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

iA - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

a - le - lu - ya! iA - le - lu - ya!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 16th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel: *Matthew 16:13-20*

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Daniel Swanson

Hymn 1024 ACS

“Here On Jesus Christ I Will Stand”

Refrain

Kwa - ke on Ye - su na - si - ma - ma, ndi - ye the
Here on Je - sus Christ I will stand. He's the

mwam - ba ni rock of my life. Ndi - ye mwam - ba ni rock of my
sol - id rock of my life. He's the sol - id rock of my

ma, ndi - ye the mwam - ba ni rock of my life.
life. He's the sol - id rock of my life.

1 There's no oth - er place I can hide till the
2 It is not the work of earth my hands done, that has
3 When my days on this are done, and I

storm that rag - es sub - sides. My voice cries to God from the
washed a - way all my sins. I'm re - deemed, and all of my
stand at God's ho - ly throne, my heart will not have an - y

Refrain

flood, and I'm saved be - cause of his blood.
days, Je - sus Christ's right - teous - ness my heart's praise.
fear; in Christ's here.

Text: Kenyan hymn; adapt. Greg Scheer, b. 1966

Music: KWAKE YESU NASIMAMA, Kenyan melody; adapt. Greg Scheer

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* Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

The Prayer of the Church

* Sharing of the Peace of the Lord

We Offer Our Gifts to the Lord

Organ Voluntary

* Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

* The Offertory

Hymn

"Bring a Gift of Love"--Mary Kay Bottens

Bring a gift of love, bring a gift of love, bring a gift of love today.

Bring an offering to our Lord and King, tell the world he is the Way!"

Bring a gift of love, bring a gift of love, bring a gift of love today.

In this quiet hour of worship, bring a gift of love.

* Offertory Prayer

L: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **Amen.**

* The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed rightand join their unending hymn:

* (Holy, Holy Holy)

(Setting 7 – Page 181)

S 181

San - to, ho - ly, san - to, ho - ly, san - to, es el Se - ñor, ho - ly Lord . . . God,

Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor, God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.

San - to, ho - ly, san - to, ho - ly, san - to, es el Lord Se - ñor, Ho - ly ho - ly Lord . . . God,

Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor, God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.

Ho - san - na en el cie - lo, ho - san - na en la Ho - san - na in the tie - rra. Ben - di - to is el que vie - ne en el nom - bre del Se - ñor, Ho - san - na en el Ho - san - na in the

cie - lo, ho - san - na en la tie - rra. Ben - di - to is el que vie - ne en el nom - bre del Se - ñor, Ho - san - na en el Ho - san - na in the

di - to el que vie - ne en el nom - bre del Se - ñor, Blest is he who comes in the name . . . of the Lord.

* The Words of Institution

* The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

P: Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

C: Amen. Thanks be to God.

The Agnus Dei (*Lamb of God*)

(Setting 7 – Page 182)

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

da - nos tu paz, da - nos tu paz.
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

Distribution of the Sacrament

* Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen.

* The Prayer after Communion

L: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C: Amen

* Blessing

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✠ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

* **Sending Hymn 546**

“To Be Your Presence”

* Dismissal

L: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.

* **Postlude**

In Bread and Wine our Lord Jesus meets us and we receive His Body and Blood given and shed for our forgiveness. It is a meal of love, forgiveness and renewal. If you are visiting with us today and are a baptized Christian and desire to commune, please do come to the table of the Lord. Children and youth who have not received instruction in the meaning of the Sacrament are cordially invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please come toward as directed by ushers by the center aisle and return by the side aisles.

Lectors for our Services

This Sunday, August 23 – Gary Llewellyn

This Wednesday, August 26 – Debbie Fornwalt

Next Sunday, August 30 – Sally Buser

Next Wednesday, September 2 – Paul Chiarenza

Ushers – Mark Lathrop

Organist – Rae Ann Smith

We have a hearing assistance system in the sanctuary. If you are having problems hearing our service, please ask the usher for a receiver.

Hope that you have picked up your name tags from the board in the main entrance. They are in alphabetical order. Please return to the board when leaving. Thanks

A sign-up for after church snacks is in the narthex. Please pick a Sunday to share your goodies! Store bought is just fine if you need easy! Thanks.

The Bulletins have been given to the glory of God in honor of our two granddaughters, Cambri & Colby attending ACM by Shirley & Jim Smith.

The Communion Bread & Wine have been given to the glory of God in memory of my sister, Karen Failing by Dianne Short.

The August Newsletter has been given to the glory of God by Dianne & Ray Short.

This week –

This Sunday – August 23, Worship – 10:00am followed by Adult SCS – 11:30am

Tuesday – LaVale Lions Vision Training by Gary Llewellyn – 9am

Wednesday – Worship – 6:30pm

Thursday – Bible Study – 10:30am

Friday – Diane's Music class – 10:00am

Next Sunday, August 30, Worship – 10:00am followed by Adult SCS – 11:30am

Listening Circle scheduled for September 13th – as we prepare for our annual Every Member Rejoice/Response, let us look at the ways that God budgets. It may be different than the way that we do it. What are your questions about budgeting and financing? Can we begin to consider moving from scarcity to abundance? Bring your thoughts and feelings to the Listening Circle and learn what others are thinking. Hope to see you there.

Noisy Offering on September 13th. Please start saving your coins to enable us to have a really LOUD Noisy Offering to support the Fill the Bus campaign that the Potomac Highlands United Way is holding. We want to support our local school children. Thanks!

Our Worship & Music Committee would like to buy copies of our new hymnal – All Creation Sings (Supplement to Evangelical Lutheran Worship) to be available in our pews. If you are interested in helping to purchase these hymnals, please write on a piece of paper or envelope the number that you are purchasing and how you want the honor/memory to read and enclosed with your check (payable to CLC). **The cost is \$15.00 per hymnal.** You may put this in the offering plate or bring to the church office. For more information, please see Pastor Daniel or a member of the Worship & Music

Our Yard Sale Books are still out in the narthex. There are many good books still on the racks – children, novels, self-help to improve your health, cookbooks, est. Please take time to them over! Cost is 25 cents per book. If you find any books, please place your money in the basket on the table. Thanks!

LAST WEEK’S REPORT – August 16, 2026

Attendance	In-Person 10:00am = 38	Adult SCS = None
	Zoom 10:00am = 16	
Wed. Aug 19	In Person 6:30pm = 10	
	Zoom = 3	

<u>BUDGET OFFERINGS FOR 2026</u>		<u>BUDGETED ACCOUNTS – JAN-JULY 2026</u>	
Received	= 7,677.00	Actual Income	= \$117,241.39
Needed weekly	= <u>4,265.56</u>	Actual Expenses	= <u>(128,866.46)</u>
	\$ 3,411.44		(\$11,625.07)

PRAYER LIST FOR AUGUST 23, 2026

PRAYER RECIPIENT - MEMBERS

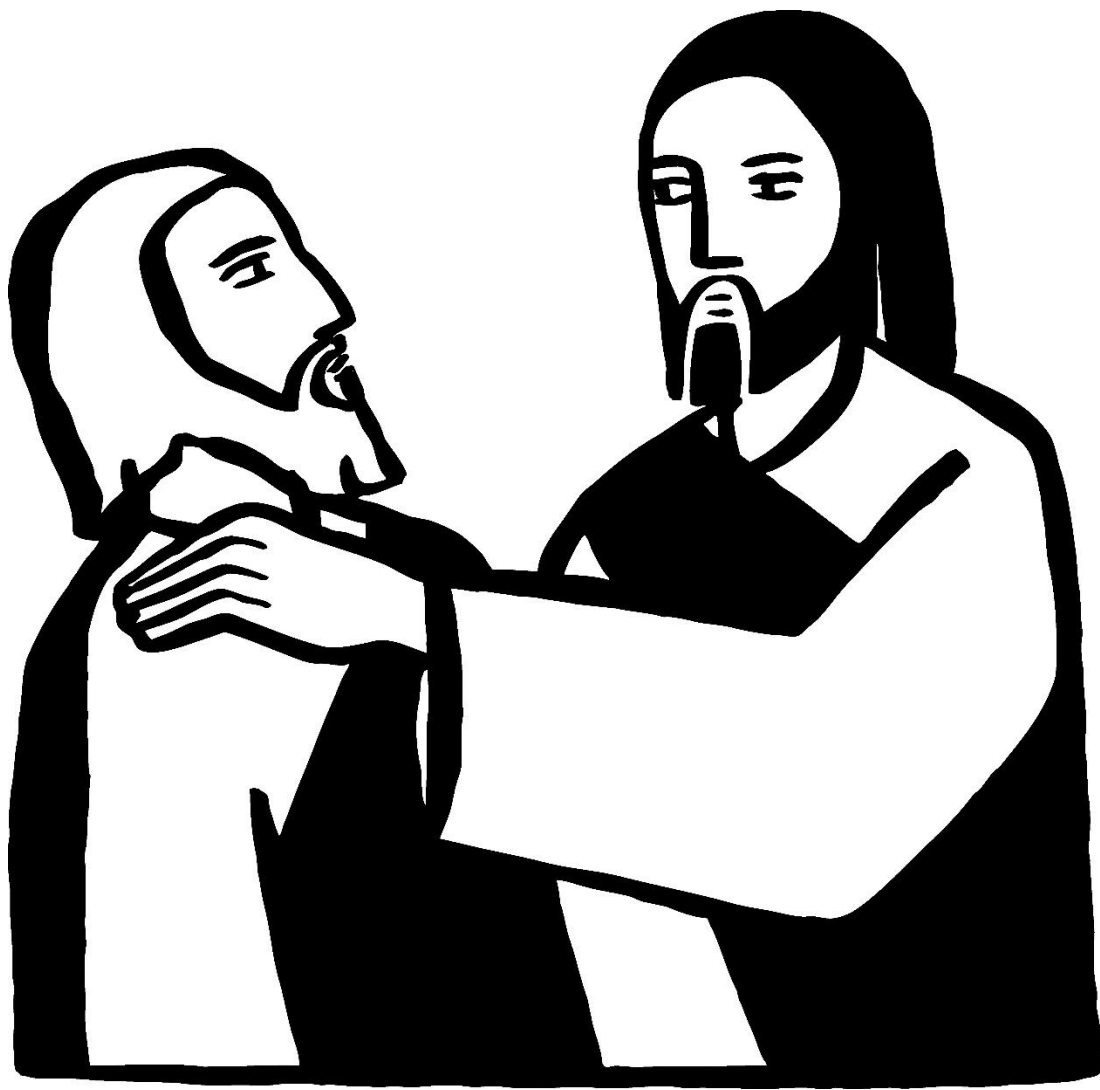
Bill & MarySue Crawford
Linda & Dave McCagh
Barb & James Simmons
Mitzie & Jerry Robinette
Doris Baker
Jeff Smith
Finn Stewart
Pam Mulligan
Terri McCagh
Patty Wilson
Jane Miller
Ruth Chiarenza
Jack Zealand
Sharon Diehl
Anna Bruck
Ed Havens
Gail Dawson
Clem Dawson
Dave & Lisa Ahern
Kim Shoemaker
Fay Crawford
David LaBuda
Rosey & Becky McIntyre
Jonathan and Danielle Ahern
Tammy Faulkner
Pam & Dave Judy
David Tibbetts
Joyce DeMonbrun
Kathy Powell
Sharon McKenzie
Nancy & George Small
Martha Macgill

PRAYER RECIPIENT

Brad & Gregg Dawson, Stephen Overtom	<i>Requested by</i> Gail Dawson
Barbara Williams	Sharon M
Joe Kunsman, Linda Nines, Ellen Hill	Mitzie & Jerry
Brittney Meyers, Talot Omar, Terry Baker	Mitzie & Jerry
Nathan Winters	Dianne Short
Arlene Simmons, Charlotte & Ed Troutman, Amy, Jacie Fairall	Barb Simmons
Karen Mackert	Paul & Ruth C
Elise & Henry Jack Balber	Jack Zealand
Tony Greaver, Betty Llewellyn/Cartwright, Cheryl Trusler	Joyce D
Owen Dolan, Shepherd Grace	Sherry Tedrow
Cheri Bielen	Jane Miller
Bernard Michael, Carolyn Farr,	Diane K.
Graham Tower, Jaime Pletcher, Karen Ford	Diane K
Richard Clark, Zachary Sutterfield, Alexis Smith	Anne DeVaughn
Diane Davis, Nancy Smith, James Flynn	Antoinette Royster
Joy Kroeger-Mappes Carmen and Lance Jackson	Antoinette Royster
Gretchen Burke	Val & Gary Llewellyn
Sally, Roger, James Tibbets	Dave Tibbetts
Andy Cocco	John Cocco
Ashley Turnbull, Marie Turnbull	Lita Havens
Dan Carr, Matt Doman	Steven Hansrote
Don Ringer, Stephanie Georgiane	Kristan Fazenbaker
Mary Lou Dorsey	Trina Firey
Vic Werner	Barbara Martin
Marion Boone, Belinda Keller	Linda McCagh
Barbara Blough	Janice & Dave LaBuda
Paul Haddle, Galen Dean Krepps	Lisa Ahern
Jared McGensie, Chris Twigg	Patty Wilson and Rosey
Breanna Brown	Debbie Fornwalt
Kamryn Rice	Corinna Hilderbrand
Candy Heverly	Charlotte Luy
Elizabeth Ororke, Brooks Chamers, Barbara Fridengu	L. Marchini
Erin Morrissey	Terri McCagh
Teddy Rankin	Fred & Kathy Powell
Alicia, Joel, Ella (finding a home)	

Please keep us updated

- all students and teachers returning to school this week
- all people affected by the wildfires and other disasters
- all people that are affected by the war
- all elected officials
- those who serve in our nation's armed forces including Rick Rounds, Tom Forrest,
Luke Smith



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