

ST. JOHN

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

MAEYSTOWN, ILLINOIS

The Visitor

October/November - 2022

Pastor's Reflection

Let's Dare to Dream and Have Some Fun!

What is this dream I am talking about? The dream we are living of course! I hear people say "Just Living the Dream!" They are usually being sarcastic. The life experience I hear most commonly is one of running non-stop to get the kids to ten different activities. I hear a lot about stress and anxiety. Where is the balance that makes it all work? Would your dream have time to just breath and enjoy your precious days? Would your dream have you laughing with your spouse and children? Would your dream have time to hang with your friends? Would your dream have family time with your parents and grandparents without feeling rushed? Can you imagine saying I have all the time in the world? Let's just relax. Some of you are saying "yes, I say that all the time", but most of us, myself included, can use a bit of a tune- up to get there.

So, let's dream of having all the time and energy in the world. Time to just really enjoy are kids, spouse, family and friends. Let's also dream that our life is all about making a difference for our community and the world we live in and yet we still have all the time and energy in the world. We have time set aside to be active in our church, enjoying Sunday morning worship with our family and friends. I love to dream but how do we make this dream a reality?

The answer to that question is not a matter of time management, nor is it about doing less. You may choose to do less and you may learn to manage your time more efficiently, but the secret is that those who seem to have all the time in the world and enjoy their lives did not get there because they managed their time better or cut out everything extra. You know them... they are the ones that always can take the time to visit without rushing through it. They are the ones who find time for friends and family. You might say they are in a different time in their life. But if you really look, you will find they are doing a lot, maybe just as much as anyone else. They simply have a different way of living their life.

Most people respond to the world as it comes at them. I have XY and Z to do. I have to get kids here and there. The world comes at us and we deal with it. There is a better way.

The better way is living as though you are coming at the world. You may keep the same schedule or you may change it. The difference is in the choosing of your schedule. Perfect example is the well-traveled road to the kids' school. This can become a gift if you choose it. After all, you have some of your best conversation with your kids on the drive to and from. When we are driving our life and not being driven

by it, we have a sense of empowerment, it becomes a part of our faith life. When we make statements like God provides all that we need. We think of such scripture as this one.

Luke 12:24

24 Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds!

It is not like we set around and wait for God to do all the work. We plow and plant the seed and God does the heavy lifting and makes the plant grow. We harvest and eat and God once again does the heavy lifting and we become strong. The point is that we are in a dance that centers around God. The world is not coming at us, with God we are coming at the world. Our joy comes from the dance. Being too busy is a road sign that somewhere along the way, life has taken over the driving. We need to stop, take stock and start driving our dream. That brings me to what then becomes possible. Living with passion to be all that God is calling us to be becomes possible when we are no longer at the effect of life but making life happen! Now that inspires! Your light then brings light into all our lives. Let's dare to dream and have fun doing all that God is calling us to be!

Bless you all!

Pastor



Welcome!

St. John UCC wants to welcome the following new members to our congregation:

Mallory Meyer & Alex Bakken: Mallory and Alex are engaged and will be married at St. John's on July 15, 2023. Mallory is a 4th grade teacher in Waterloo, and Alex works for Stratum. They both enjoy hiking and hanging out with friends. In addition, Alex enjoys the outdoors, while Mallory enjoys reading and shopping.

Megan Vogt: Megan is beginning her second year at SIUE and is majoring in Nursing. She has a younger sister Emily. They raise and show sheep together. Megan enjoys farming, is an active runner, and loves coffee.

Elaine Knobloch: Elaine is a retired microbiologist. She is married to Dennis Knobloch. They will celebrate their 47th wedding anniversary on September 27. Elaine enjoys reading and flower gardening and loves spending time with her grandkids.

Terry Roberson: Terry is retired from the sales industry. He enjoys music, horses, and racing. He was the Pastor of the Cowboy Church for many years.

Connie Mitchell: Connie is retired. She enjoys animals and music. She has a big heart and is a lover of all things.

Special Congregational Meeting - August 14, 2022

Special meeting held to discuss new speaker system opened with prayer from Pastor Poole. Called to order by President Christy Muertz.

Proposals were presented and explained to congregation. The congregation had opportunity to ask questions.

Questions were raised regarding to bell tower and wiring costs.

Faye Birk made motion to approve the cost of \$12,000 for the new speaker system. Dwight Asselmeier 2nd the motion.

Don ad Ellen and Bob Edler were against the motion.

The subject was brought up as to how the money will be raised to pay for the speaker system. Dwight Asselmeier suggested monies could be taken from Memorial Fund or savings account. Nancy Voelker also suggested fund might be able to be used from the Maher Trust. Donations can also be made to defray the cost.

A motion was made to go ahead and approve the \$12,000 cost of the new speaker system by Patty Brandt and 2nd by Barry Hoffmann.

Meeting adjourned.

St. John's UCC Church Council Minutes - August 15, 2022

President Christy Muertz called the meeting to order. Those attending were Lisa Schwarze, Sandy Tutka, Christy Muertz, Andrew Watts, Cheri Langsdorf, Shirley Stafford, Linda Schmidt and Pastor Poole. Pastor opened with a prayer.

July 11, 2022 Meeting Minutes: Cheri Langsdorf made a motion to accept the minutes and Lisa Schwarze seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Bills/Timecards: Pastor's Expense: Linda Schmidt made the motion to accept all reports listed, seconded by Drew Watts and it carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor apologized for not being at the congregational meeting. This is an exciting time to have the children coming back regularly to Sunday School and Church. After school program will begin September 7th.

OLD BUSINESS

Vote on sound system and hooking up bell tower: After a discussion regarding the congregational meeting, Lisa Schwarze made a motion to accept Alobars Incorporated from St. Louis for the sound system for a total expense of \$10,086.98. The motion was seconded by Linda Schmidt and it carried. The breakdown of the total cost is \$6908.99 for the sound system, \$2386.00 for the bell tower speaker, and \$791.99 for the extra speaker for the choir. A donation has been made to cover the speaker in the bell tower by a non-member friend of the church. Thank you!

Parsonage Roof: Work should start this month.

NEW BUSINESS

L-P Gas: Bids received were \$2.09 from R & M Oil and \$1.99 from Gateway FS. Lisa Schwarze made the motion to accept the Gateway FS bid and Shirley Stafford seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding the cemetery mowing and the member concerns expressed regarding the trimming around the stones. These concerns were shared with the cemetery board.

Cheri Langsdorf made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Lisa Schwarze seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Linda Schmidt, Secretary

Women's Fellowship September 1, 2022

Faye Birk called the meeting to order after a luncheon of steak furnished by Pastor. There were 17 members and Pastor present. The meal was excellent and was a group effort.

Pastor opened with a prayer.

Sue read the treasurer's report and reported we had a balance of 1359.57. Motion was made by Joyce and seconded by Connie to accept and motion carried.

Ellen read the secretary's report. Nancy made the motion to accept and Joyce seconded. Motion carried.

A note was read from Pastor thanking the Women's Fellowship for the help with the Hike and Bike and Marathon. \$3800. was raised for Hoyleton.

Connie reported that Joy Paeth will be coming to our October lunch meeting to talk about "Age Smart".

Nancy has talked to Jennifer Rosenkranz to come to our November meeting to talk about the trip to Colorado.

Sue reported on the Fall Banquet/Benefit. There will be a luncheon, pumpkin decorating for the kids (using stickers), and silent auction with the proceeds going to the Human Support Services. This will take place on October 23 after church. Ticket prices will be 12.00 with children 5 and under free. The food is being supplied by Mission Catering which raises money for the hungry in Guatemala.

St, John's Day is September 11, and Sue and Barb volunteered to help serve the food.

Volunteers signed up to work at the afterschool program through the next month.

Octoberfest Pie stand will again be our fundraiser for the Women's Fellowship and volunteers signed up to work it on October 9th. A motion was made to sell the pies at 4.00/slice and 20.00 for whole pies by Sue and seconded by Linda. Motion carried. All donations of pies will be greatly appreciated. The hall will be open on Saturday for anybody wanting to bring their pies early.

Pat, Barb, Joyce, and Nancy agreed to organize the Christkindlmarkt again this year. If anyone knows of a vender that might be interested, please let one of them know. Sharon and Cathy will be in charge of the quilt show again this year. They all did such a great job last year and their work is greatly appreciated.

We will continue to have our meetings at noon with a luncheon. The hostesses for the meeting will be supplying the meal. All women of the church are welcome.

Pastor discussed the trying times we live in and how he appreciates all the work the women do. He is hoping to have a Senior outing this fall.

Happy birthday was sung to Barb and Sue who have birthdays in September.

Pastor Appreciation Day is October 9th and a motion was made and seconded to give pastor a \$50.00 gift certificate to Bean Tree.

Connie and Barb made the motion and second to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Ellen Edler Secretary

Sunday School

We are really enjoying seeing all the kids in our classes again! Currently, we are following along with a new curriculum that helps the kids understand what we are learning in church each week. It's been a lot of fun learning about the Bible together! If your child is 3 or older, please join us for Sunday School each week at 9:40. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or text Michelle: (618) 972-9053.



Christmas Program

It's getting close to the Advent season already! We have set the date for the Sunday School Christmas Program. It will be on **December 18** during our church program. Practices will be November 20, November 27, and December 11 during Sunday School (9:40 AM).

Michelle Vogt

Maintenance Meeting - September 28, 2022

Those present: Pastor Poole, Joyce Kuergeleis, Nancy Voelker, Freeman Borcharding, Nathan Keller and David Mothershead.

Projects were discussed that need to be completed.

1. Touch up painting on the church hall siding. David will contact a company for suggestions and prices.
2. Soffit on front and back of hall needs repairs.
3. Paint on hand rails and light posts need painting. Joyce and Nancy will contact help to get this done.
4. Power wash ramp on back of church hall.
5. Clean out hall gutters.
6. Bell tower entrance doors need refinishing. Nathan will contact someone.
7. Exterior window sills of church need cleaning.
8. Paint fascia behind church office.
9. Repair storm door on church office.

10. Clean outside entrance to church office.
11. Front left interior of church where wall and ceiling meet, needs repairs.
12. New door needed for side church entrance. (David will check for this size)
13. Dead trees need to be removed from pine forest.

A work day is planned for November 5th at 8:00 am so many of these projects can be completed.

Joyce Kuergeleis



Christkindlmarkt Coming Soon!

If you, or someone you know is a crafter, the Women's Fellowship would love to have you at our upcoming Christkindlmarkt.

If you know a crafter, please share this information with them. We would love to fill both floors of our hall again this year with a lot of fun things. Thank you!

St. John United Church of Christ Maestown once again is sponsoring an indoor Christkindlmarkt

This event is part of Maestown's Old Fashion Christmas

Sunday December 4, 2022

11:00 am to 4:00 pm

The cost is \$25.00 per table

You may set-up any time between 8 & 11am on Dec 4th

100 % of proceeds goes to Christmas gifts for local children in need

Contact Info: Pat Brandt @ 618-458-6860 for more info or with questions or concerns

Again this year we are hosting a free quilt show in the church sanctuary to create more foot traffic in our area during Maestown's Old Fashion Christmas.

Please register ASAP, our space is limited and this is a first come first serve basis.

Registration deadline is Nov 15, 2022

Space will not be held for you without payment.

Thank you.



To register: Make a \$25.00 check payable to: Women's Fellowship and mail to St John UCC, Attn: Pat Brandt, P O Box 95, Maestown IL 62256

Upcoming Events

- YPL Meeting October 19, 6:30 p.m. in the hall. All youth 6th grade up are welcome!
- The Women's Fellowship Banquet is Sunday, October 23 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- Women's Fellowship Luncheon/Meeting November 3, 12:00 p.m. RSVP to Faye.
- Church Work Day November 5, 8:00 a.m.
- November 13 – Veterans will be honored
- November 20 – Totenfest Sunday

Acolytes

October

- 2 - Dallen Edler & Rowan Schilling
- 9 - Drake Coats & Maddie Huddleston
- 16 - Caden Huddleston & Evan Hill
- 23 - Chloe Carron & Tanner Rosenkranz
- 30 - Lucas Blackwell & Derek Knoll

November

- 6 - Jake Coats & Hudson Brandt
- 13 - Cole Dilly & Ashlyn Crouch
- 20 – Andrew Stafford & Owen Carron
- 27 – Landon Johnson & Kylee Muertz

December

- 4 – Lily Carron & Dallen Edler
- 11 – Jackie Keller & Rowan Schilling
- 18 – Drake Coats & Evan Hill
- 25 – Caden Huddleston & Maddie Huddleston

St. John's News and Notes

Announcement – Veterans to be Honored:

We will honor all of our Veterans on Sunday, November 13, 2022. Please see the enclosed list of Veterans we have on file and email Nicole at maeystownucc@gmail.com if you know of anyone that is missing. We want to make sure to do our best to not miss anyone but need your help to make sure this happens.

Totenfest Sunday. Sunday, November 20, 2022 is the Sunday where we remember those loved ones that have gone to be with the Lord in the last year. Currently, our Totenfest list includes Elveria Miller and Robert Scheibe. Please email Nicole at maeystownucc@gmail.com if you have a loved one that you would like remembered on Totenfest Sunday.

Weddings

- September 25- Vanessa Stitzel and Lucas Smothers
- October 15 - Maddie Carron and Dylan Smith
- October 22- Kelli Monroe and Eric Brellinger

Please keep the following in your prayers

- Bob Sales, Sr is on hospice. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.
- Marvin Hoffmann, has been receiving cancer treatments
- Lynn Ahrens as she recovers from a terrible fall and surgery.

- Mona Mothershead is being treated for cancer.
- James (Jim) Wirth, Joyce's cousin. He was just diagnosed with Pancreatic cancer. Will be starting treatments soon.
- Allison Ford has a non-cancerous brain tumor with great complications.
- Ellen Heavener as she is treated for Thyroid cancer.
- Tim Branson in his battle with cancer.
- Scott Stoeckel, as he battles cancer.
- Ramona Oxmann, she is receiving cancer treatments.
- Renesmae Brown, she is 3 yrs. old, has autism and now seizures.
- Kathy Fitch, treatment for cancer
- Jen Thompson is battling cancer.
- Aileen Neeley in your prayers as she battles cancer.
- Mary Kay Richards as she recovers from lung surgery.
- Sarah Schmitz's sister, Cheryl Steiner, she has been diagnosed with kidney disease.
- Pat Harris is still battling residual pneumonia

Continued prayers are needed for the following members: Kaylee Muertz, Elizabeth Meyers, and Brian Kreher.

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**September Visitor Report**

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|------------------------|----------|
| Beginning Balance      | \$412.62 |
| Income                 | \$0.00   |
| Expense – U.S. Postage | \$56.08  |
| Ending Balance         | \$356.54 |

Faye Birk, Treasurer

**Sunday School Checking Account**

Beginning Balance September 1, 2022 - \$1,490.51  
 Income - \$157.00 (45.00) = 112.00  
 \$20.00 - From Marvin & Nancy Schilling in Memory of Joyce Sliment  
 \$68.00 - Donations at St. John's Day ((-) \$45.00  
 Tip given by Anna Massie to Balloon Man)  
 \$69.00 - Offering  
 Expense - \$469.74

\$287.86 - Michelle Vogt - Sunday School Curriculum  
 \$181.88 - St. John UCC - St. John's Day Reimbursement  
 Ending Balance as of September 30, 2022 - \$1132.77

**September Savings Account**

Beginning Balance September 1, 2022 - \$6156.26  
 Income - \$0.00  
 Expense - \$0.00  
 Ending Balance as of September 30, 2022 - \$6156.26

**October Checking Account**

Beginning Balance October 1, 2022 - \$1,132.77  
 Income \$125.00-Waleah & Lennis Lich  
 Expense - \$0.00  
 Ending Balance as of October 31, 2022 - \$1257.77

**Sunday School Savings Account**

Beginning Balance October 1, 2022 - \$6156.26  
 Income - \$1.55  
 \$1.55 - Interest  
 Expense - \$0.00  
 Ending Balance as of October 31, 2022 - \$6157.81

Faye Birk, Treasurer

**General Fund Financial**

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|------------------|-------------|
| September 2022.  |             |
| Beginning Bal.   | \$14,687.20 |
| Income           | \$17,322.72 |
| Expenses         | \$20,761.18 |
| Balance Sept. 30 | \$11,248.74 |



### Special October/November Birthdays:

- Carmelita Sensel was 95 years young Oct. 6
- Linda Sutter turns 78 on October 7 while Ross Mueller follows behind on October 9.
- Owen Carron becomes an adult by turning 18 on October 14, while Olivia Burns becomes a teenager on the same day.
- Linda Schmidt celebrates her 74th birthday on October 15.
- Janie Houston celebrates her 71st birthday on October 16.
- Jim Bundy turns 76 and Judy Schmuck turns 72 on October 18.
- Anna Massie celebrates her 73rd birthday on October 19.
- Wade Wittenbrink celebrates his 1st birthday on October 19.
- Gwendlyn Panzau celebrates her 21st birthday on October 22.
- Jonathan Ziegler enters double digits on October 23 and Addalyn Huddleston follows behind two days later.
- Rosemarie Upchurch turns 83 years young on October 26.
- Special birthday wishes to Marvin Hoffmann who will celebrate his 87 birthday November 4.
- Happy 40th Birthday to Renee Steibel on November 4.
- Raymond Reed will turn 78 years young on November 6.
- Ethan Russell turns double digits November 7.
- Marlene Wild turns 72 years young on November 8, while Fay Ross turns 71 the same day.
- Special birthday wishes to Markee Voelker who becomes a legal adult on November 9.
- Happy 1st Birthday to Olivia Prange on November 12.
- Nathan Birk joins the 40 club on November 13, while Katie Ries follows behind him on November 15.
- Knox Tyberendt turns one whole hand on Nov. 15, and Maren Vogt follows him on Nov. 16

- Chloe Reinhardt celebrates her 1st birthday on November 18.
- Larry Wild turns 73 years young on November 25.
- Wyatt Engbring celebrates his sweet 16 on November 29.

### Special October/November Anniversaries:

- Wayne & Sherry Stitzel will celebrate 30 years of marriage on October 3.
- Alan & Debbie Wischmeyer will celebrate their Silver anniversary on October 4.
- Jon & Becky Matzenbacher will celebrate 15 years of marriage on October 6, while Justin & Kristin Knobloch will celebrate 10 years of marriage and Todd & Betty Levin will celebrate 5 years of marriage on the same day.
- Grant & Jennifer Coats will celebrate 15 years of marriage on October 13.
- Tony & Amy Stirnaman will celebrate 10 years of marriage on October 20.
- Glenn & Nancy Voelker will celebrate their Golden Anniversary on October 21.
- Charlie & Chrissy Eckerty will celebrate 5 years of marriage on October 21.
- Happy Anniversary to Charles & Faye Birk who will celebrate 46 years of marriage on November 13.
- Happy Silver Anniversary to Merrill & Sheryl Prange who will celebrate their anniversary on November 22.
- Happy 40th Anniversary to Randy & Lynne Hicks on November 27.



## Thank You Notes

### Thank You for the pies!

The Women's Fellowship want to say how much we appreciate the ladies of our church and their generosity in pie donations. As you know this is our big money maker for the year and the Oktoberfest pie sales helped to replenish our bank account. We had an increase in pie donation this year compared to last year and that's great. Also, just so you know, we hear so many compliments of what great pie makers we are. Really? Thank You, ladies, Thank You! Also a big THANK YOU goes to those that set up the pie stand and to the ladies that peddled the pies at the Oktoberfest.

### Coat Drive

Thanks to all for making our Coat Drive such a Success!!! I never dreamed we would get so many coats. We have boxes and boxes to take to Warner's Warm Up, Kurt Warner's Coat Drive. It warms my heart to see our little Church be so giving.

Thanks again for all your generosity, (Faye)

### From a Recent 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Recipient:

*To our church friends and family:*

*We are grateful for your helping hand during our tough time. Tanner's surgery went great and he is expected to be able to live a normal life. He is a fun-loving little guy that is keeping us on our toes! It is wonderful to know we have so many friends and family that care for us. Hope to see you all soon! God Bless, Tyler, Amy & Tanner*

### A Message from the October Fifth Sunday Recipient

*Scott's Journey* - Scott was diagnosed with malignant melanoma December, 2019 and had his first surgery January, 2020 to remove the mass on his left knee and all surrounding tissue where the mass was at and also two lymph nodes in his groin area. After surgery we were told that the cancer was stage 3 and had spread to his

lymph nodes. They started him on a drug called Keytruda but then August, 2020 we were informed that the Keytruda was not working and the cancer had spread to more lymph nodes and they would need to start him on a different medication Mekinist and Talifanar which was a targeted therapy trying to reduce the enlarged lymph nodes in order to do surgery. He had his second surgery in November, 2020 which was a lymph node dissection of the left groin and pelvic. He continued the targeted therapy and then we were informed in May, 2022 that the cancer had spread to the retroperitoneal. He then had his third surgery in May, 2022 for retroperitoneal lymph node dissection. He has now started another round of treatment which was 4 treatments of Yervoy and he continues Opdivo which if it continues to control the spread of the melanoma, he will have treatment for 2 years. Scott takes steroids every day which helps keep some of the side effects of the treatment low. He continues his therapy to deal with the lymphedema, he has to wear compression hoses and use a compression pump in order to help with the swelling that he will deal with the rest of his life due to the removal of the lymph nodes.

Scott and I count our blessings every day and we want to thank everyone for their continued prayers and support. We know the power of prayer has gotten him this far.

Thank you so much.

Scott and Donna Stoeckel

**The Most Powerful  
Prayer  
Is One of Thanks**

## ***From Your Pastor***

This past Sunday I was just finishing saying good bye to our last member leaving the church when I turned to look out at our grounds to see such a great sight! We had children playing on the playground, a group of youth were playing in the dodge ball ring, a father was kicking the ball with his teenage son and members were standing around in front of the church and all around just having a good time. I had to just stop and take it in!

That vision as I looked out reminded me of a mission statement we made a little over a decade ago in 2011.

### ***Mission Statement***

***Spiritually fulfilled members, sharing the light and love of Christ.***

The church council and a gathering of the presidents and leaders of our many programs and organizations agreed on this mission statement back in 2011. The scene outside this past Sunday morning was the perfect image of that mission! Bringing more depth to the mission was the reason those youth were hanging around. Our Youth Group, AKA the YPL, were waiting to start making sandwiches. There has been a long-standing tradition that the congregation supplies lunchmeat and cheese and the youth put together sandwiches for the homeless shelters in St. Louis. This has come to be called Pound Sunday. The youth with the help of a few parents made up about 200 sandwiches. The Youth prayed over the sandwiches that those that would receive them would know the love of Christ and that we care!

The following day I removed the sandwiches from the refrigerator and took them to the homeless shelter. The first stop was to “St. Patrick’s Center” on Tucker. Then on to “The Missionaries of Charity” just off North Grand.



They were thrilled to receive our gifts of love and care. The sister thanked us and acknowledges our part in God's calling to feed the poor. Of course I thanked her for doing the hard work day in and day out. *Spiritually fulfilled members, sharing the light and love of Christ.* One could say they were only sandwiches, a drop in the bucket in the face of the challenges. But we say it is not about the end result it is about hearing and serving God in the many small and wonderful ways. We will continue to feed children, help families, worship our Lord, sing hymns and laugh together!

Such an honor to serve with all of you!

Pastor

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**ST. JOHN UCC VETERANS AND THEIR BRANCH OF SERVICE:**



|                         |                    |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Freeman Borcharding     | Air Force          |
| Lloyd Brandt            | Air Force/Navy     |
| Tim Buchanan            | Air Force          |
| Jim Bundy               | Air Force          |
| Glenn Coats             | Amy                |
| Josh Collman            | Marines            |
| James Eames             | Army               |
| David Henerfauth        | Air National Guard |
| Randy Hicks             | Navy               |
| John Hoeft              | Navy               |
| Paul Hoffmann           | Army               |
| Brian Johnson           | Navy               |
| Manlee Knobloch         | Army Reserves      |
| Rodney Morwick          | Air Force          |
| Ross Mueller            | Army               |
| Eric Pieper             | Army               |
| Raymond Reed II         | Air Force          |
| Charles Richeson        | Army               |
| Curtis Rusteberg        | Army               |
| Charles Schaefer        | Navy               |
| Robert Scheibe          | Army               |
| Marvin Schilling        | Army               |
| David (Tony) Schultheis | Army               |
| Harry Steingrubey       | Army               |
| Robert Taylor           | Navy               |
| Sue Taylor              | Air Force          |
| Dennis Trost            | Army               |
| Ron Upchurch            | Army               |
| Glenn Voelker           | Army               |
| Larry Wild              | Army               |
| Tim Ziegler             | Army               |



**CURRENTLY SERVING OUR COUNTRY WITH HONOR**



|                        |             |
|------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Caleb Buchanan</b>  | <b>Army</b> |
| <b>Jacob Rey</b>       | <b>Navy</b> |
| <b>Andrew Schaefer</b> |             |
| <b>Austin Scheibe</b>  | <b>Army</b> |
| <b>Dillon Scheibe</b>  | <b>Army</b> |
| <b>Krista Wandro</b>   | <b>Army</b> |



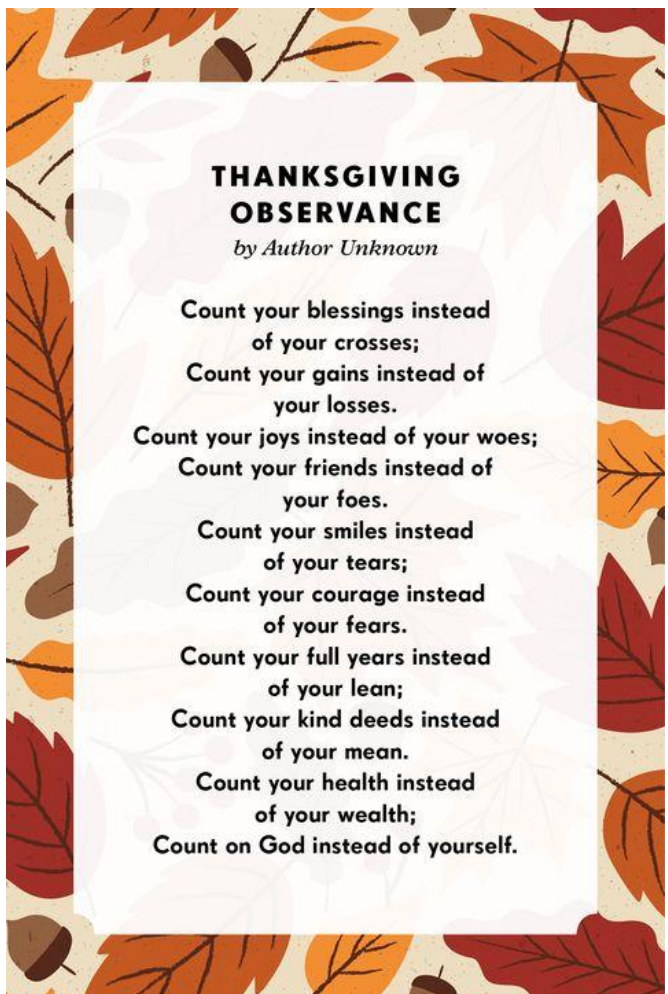
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

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|-----------------------|---------|----------------------|---------|
| Bradley Koesterer     | Oct. 1  | Krista Wandro        | Oct. 27 |
| Brylee Rohlfig        | Oct. 1  | Colten Huddleston    | Oct. 27 |
| Adam Eckart           | Oct. 2  | Andrea Kennedy       | Oct. 28 |
| Kelsey Schmitz        | Oct. 2  | Amy Rohlfig          | Oct. 29 |
| Vanessa Stitzel       | Oct. 3  | Payton Dilley        | Oct. 29 |
| Whitney Stitzel       | Oct. 3  | Wendy Hill           | Oct. 29 |
| Wyatt Schreder        | Oct. 3  | Sydney Kuergeleis    | Oct. 30 |
| Alex Knoll            | Oct. 5  | Brian Eckart         | Oct. 31 |
| Matthew Brandt        | Oct. 5  | Candy Eckart         | Oct. 31 |
| Dallen Edler          | Oct. 5  | Jennifer Rosenkranz  | Nov. 1  |
| Levi Wittenbrink      | Oct. 5  | Susan Hoffmann       | Nov. 2  |
| Carmelita Sensel      | Oct. 6  | Justin Knobloch      | Nov. 3  |
| Nancy Voelker         | Oct. 6  | Kathy Goldschmidt    | Nov. 4  |
| Sheri Dilley          | Oct. 6  | Dawn Burns           | Nov. 4  |
| Mike Krebel           | Oct. 6  | Marvin Hoffmann      | Nov. 4  |
| Linda Sutter          | Oct. 7  | Pat Brandt           | Nov. 4  |
| Janey Berg            | Oct. 7  | Renee Steibel        | Nov. 4  |
| Jennifer Coats        | Oct. 8  | Garrett Rohlfig      | Nov. 4  |
| Graham Knobloch       | Oct. 8  | Lauren LaFollette    | Nov. 5  |
| Connie Esker          | Oct. 9  | Josh Reinhardt       | Nov. 5  |
| Ross Mueller          | Oct. 9  | Maclain Naumann      | Nov. 5  |
| Trey Rohlfig          | Oct. 13 | Raymond Reed II      | Nov. 6  |
| Owen Carron           | Oct. 14 | Connie Turner        | Nov. 6  |
| Olivia Burns          | Oct. 14 | Ethan Russell        | Nov. 7  |
| Kaiden Wilson         | Oct. 14 | Marlene Wild         | Nov. 8  |
| Linda Schmidt         | Oct. 15 | Fay Ross             | Nov. 8  |
| Janie Houston         | Oct. 16 | Riley Skaggs         | Nov. 8  |
| Ben Hoefft            | Oct. 16 | Ryan Nolan           | Nov. 8  |
| Kristy Busch          | Oct. 17 | Markee Voelker       | Nov. 9  |
| Jim Bundy             | Oct. 18 | Mark T. Rey          | Nov. 9  |
| Judy Schmuck          | Oct. 18 | Donny Muertz, Jr.    | Nov. 11 |
| Drew Watts            | Oct. 18 | Cheri Langsdorf      | Nov. 12 |
| Lauren Brigance       | Oct. 19 | Lisa Schwarze        | Nov. 12 |
| Bonnie Schwarze       | Oct. 19 | Nathan Birk          | Nov. 13 |
| Anna Massie           | Oct. 19 | Jake Coats           | Nov. 15 |
| Wade Wittenbrink      | Oct. 19 | Katie Marie Ries     | Nov. 15 |
| Alexandra Rippelmeyer | Oct. 21 | Knox Brian Tyberendt | Nov. 15 |
| Tyler Barnes          | Oct. 22 | Todd Mathew Jansen   | Nov. 16 |
| Gwendlyn Panzau       | Oct. 22 | Maren Dolores Vogt   | Nov. 16 |
| Johnathan Ziegler     | Oct. 23 | Colby Jensen         | Nov. 18 |
| Mary Branson          | Oct. 24 | Stephanie Keller     | Nov. 18 |
| Megan Schaefer        | Oct. 24 | Chloe Reinhardt      | Nov. 18 |
| Jolene Ann Keller     | Oct. 24 | Dorothy Schilling    | Nov. 19 |
| Sydney Finch          | Oct. 25 | Elizabeth Buchanan   | Nov. 19 |
| Dana Hicks            | Oct. 26 | Rowan Evans          | Nov. 19 |
| Rosemarie Upchurch    | Oct. 26 | Paul Skaggs          | Nov. 20 |
| Annette Morwick       | Oct. 26 | Mariah Roland        | Nov. 20 |
| Adalynn Huddleston    | Oct. 26 | Jay Whitlock         | Nov. 21 |
| Jenney Berg           | Oct. 27 |                      |         |

Nathan Wischmeyer Nov. 21  
 Dennis Knobloch Nov. 22  
 David Berg Nov. 22  
 Diane Mueller Nov. 22  
 Kyle Hoffmann Nov. 23  
 Alex Bakken Nov. 23  
 Larry Wild Nov. 25  
 Lauren Jensen Nov. 27  
 Andrea Asselmeier Nov. 27  
 Wyatt Engbring Nov. 29  
 Raegan Eckart Nov. 29  
 David Rusteberg Nov. 30  
 David Reese Nov. 30

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 Tim & Leah Ziegler Oct. 16  
 Colby & Lauren Jensen Oct. 18  
 Frank & Mary Graham Oct. 20  
 Tony & Amy Stirnaman Oct. 20  
 Glenn & Nancy Voelker Oct. 21  
 Charlie & Chrissy Eckerty Oct. 21  
 Jeffrey & Angela Finch Oct. 22

Kody Schwarze Dec. 1  
 Jenny Klinkhardt Dec. 2  
 Wyatt Liefer Dec. 2  
 Charles Birk Dec. 3  
 Alan Wischmeyer Dec. 3  
 Judy Krebel Dec. 5  
 Denise Faus Dec. 5  
 Brad Edler Dec. 5  
 Jacob Berg Dec. 5  
 David Mothershead Dec. 5  
 Glenn Coats Dec. 6  
 Paul Nilges Dec. 6  
 Julie Roy Dec. 6  
 Cody Schmitz Dec. 6  
 Ellen Edler Dec. 7  
 Haley Faus Dec. 7  
 Amanda Marie Panzau Dec. 7  
 Cole Goldschmidt Dec. 8  
 Amber Marie Wolf Dec. 11  
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 Corey Blackwell Dec. 14  
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 Jared & Rebecca Coats Oct. 10  
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