

# ST. JOHN

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
MAEYSTOWN, ILLINOIS

**The Visitor**  
**April - 2025**

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## Pastor's Reflection

### HE LIVES!

As we approach Easter, let us delve deeper into our faith. Owning all the good, bad, and ugly in the world and in our own walk within this world so we can greet this new day that is dawning as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ.

The good, bad, and the ugly. Our hearts break for those without the means to provide for their families the essentials they need to survive. At the same time, we celebrate programs like the Heifer Project and many others that have dramatically reduced poverty and hunger worldwide. The programs that our little church has participated in provide life-sustaining support to many families.

Let us take to heart the huge divides that separate our country: Democrats from Republicans, liberals and conservatives, black and white, rural and urban, Mainline Christians and the Fundamentalist Christians. And that is just in our country, not to mention the divides in the world we live in. I have never been more brokenhearted to see our country and our world so removed from the joy of caring and loving one another as brothers and sisters. However, if we look, we will find countless stories of people performing extraordinary acts of kindness that transcend all divides. People that answer the call of a higher power to make self-sacrifices to care for others as Jesus taught us to do. Jesus is our Lord and Savior, as well as our profound teacher. He called out the divides between the rich and the poor, the Jew and the Greek, women and men.

The disciple Paul says it best in Galatians 3:23-29.

*Galatians 3:23-29*

*23 Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. 24 Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. 25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, 26 for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. 27 As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28 There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.*

Paul points out to us the freedom of new life in Christ. Christ calls us to honor his sacrifice by healing the divide in our country and world. We achieve this quite simply by seeing each other first as family, prioritizing our love for one another above all else. God calls us to honor Christ's resurrection by transcending the times we live in. Our Lord Jesus gave us the gift of new life through his love, teachings, sacrifice, and resurrection. Let us accept this gift and truly live in the Lord. I leave you with the lyrics to the hymn that says it all.

## He Lives

I serve a risen Saviour, He's in the world today  
I know that He is living, whatever men may say  
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer  
And just the time I need Him He's always near  
He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me  
Along life's narrow way  
He lives! He lives! Salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives?  
He lives within my heart  
In all the world around me I see His loving care  
And though my heart grows weary I never will despair  
I know that He is leading, thro' all the stormy blast  
The day of His appearing will come at last  
He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me  
Along life's narrow way  
He lives! He lives! Salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives?  
He lives within my heart  
Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian! Lift up your voice and sing  
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ, the King!  
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find  
None other is so loving, so good and kind  
He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me  
Along life's narrow way  
He lives! He lives! Salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives?  
He lives within my heart

### **Help needed:**

Region 2 UCC churches are assembling 100 Clean-Up Buckets to support the L.A. wildfire victims. St John Maeystown has been asked to provide 20-28ct contractor-type 30-45gal. trash bags on a roll for this project.

We are asking the congregation for donations of these bags. Please drop the box of bags on the table at back of church. We will need 100 boxes. The deadline for collection will be May 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mark your calendars now to help assemble 100 Clean-Up buckets in the Fellowship Hall, St Paul Waterloo on Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup> at noon.

Questions? Sue Taylor 618-520-7400

## **Church Council Minutes – February 10, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Amy Rohlfig. Pastor Poole opened the meeting with a prayer. Those in attendance were Susan Koesterer, Ron Richeson, Fay Ross, Debbie Eckart, Jim Maurer, and Amy Juelfs. Pam Muertz and Brian Edler were absent.

### **Review and Approval of Minutes from January 13, 2025 Council Meeting and January 26, 2025 Special Council Meeting**

The minutes from the January meetings were reviewed. There being no further corrections a motion was made by Jim Maurer and seconded by Fay Ross to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

### **Review and Approval of Treasurer's Report, Bills, Timecard and Pastor's Expenses**

The treasurer's report, bills, timecard and Pastor's expenses were presented and reviewed. There being no changes or corrections a motion was made by Fay Ross and seconded by Jim Maurer to accept the reports as presented. Motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Solar Power Update**

- All credits have been applied for. It could take 12-18 months to receive the credits. Pastor, Amy and Jim will meet with the solar company to review all solar documents prior to signoff of the certificate of substantial completion. Once signoff is complete, we will issue final payment to the solar company.

### **Pine Forest Arborist**

- Debbie reported an additional arborist is assessing the pine forest and will then make a recommendation.

### **Furnace and AC Replacement**

- One furnace in installed and two more are set to be installed.

### **Carpet for the Parsonage**

- The council reviewed the two carpet bids. Motion made by Fay Ross and seconded by Jim Maurer to accept the \$5,194 Neff Flooring bid. Motion carried. The Maher Trust will pay for the carpet.

### **Connection for Generator at the Church Hall**

- Drew Watts will install the electrical connection for a portable generator. If at some point the hall is needed as a community shelter, the fire department's portable generator will be able to be connected.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Constitution Provision to Respond to Emergency Repairs**

- The council reviewed the constitution and bi-laws. Section VII indicates the church council may authorize extraordinary expenses. The congregation must, however, approve the expenses in excess of \$5,000 which are not in the budget. In case of extreme emergency, determined by a two thirds vote of the Church Council, funds above \$5,000 may be used if damage or breakdown occurs to existing facilities or equipment which, without said repair would cause unsafe conditions.

### **Snow Removal Plan**

- Council members will reach out to local snow removal services to determine if they could provide snow removal for the church and how much it would be cost.

**6-Inch Gutters**

- The council reviewed the bid to replace the hall with 6-inch gutters with three down spouts. The council will hold on the gutters until we have a siding recommendation.

**Friedens UCC – Live Stream**

- Friedens UCC in Hecker reached out to ask if they could live stream our service on Sunday mornings. Motion made by Fay Ross and seconded by Jim Maurer to approve the live stream. Motion carried.

**Pastor’s Report**

- Pastor reviewed the top priorities for 2025. The priorities include:
  1. Maintenance Committee
  2. New Parents Programming
  3. Young Adult Programming
  4. Senior Programming
  5. Men’s Programming
  6. Media Committee
  7. Social Committee
  8. Continue to Strengthen Our Sunday School Program
  9. Continue to Strengthen our Women’s Fellowship

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ron Richeson and seconded by Debbie Eckart to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned. Pastor closed the meeting by leading us in the Lord’s Prayer.

After the meeting adjourned, the council went to the church to review the greeter and offering process with the new council members.

Susan Koesterer, Secretary

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**The Scholarship For 2025 Graduating Seniors Is Open.**

Applications are due by April 13 and can be found at the following link: <https://bit.ly/SJCScholarship>. The scholarship committee is also accepting donations towards the scholarship fund to help our seniors continuing their education.



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**Easter Sunrise Service is April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 a.m. Following the service please join us at the Church Hall for a delicious Breakfast. Donations of any breakfast foods are welcome and can be dropped off at the Hall before the service or brought to the breakfast. All are welcome!!!!**

## Women's Fellowship

President Sue Taylor called the February 6, 2025, meeting to order with 10 members and Tim and Pastor present. Pastor opened with a prayer.

Sue read the treasurer's report since Connie was still out of town. The January 31, 2025 ending balance was \$4713.53. Linda and Faye made the motion to accept and the motion carried.

Ellen read the secretary's report and was approved by Sharon B and Pat. Motion carried.

Sue thanked everyone who stayed after January meeting to help take down the Christmas decorations.

Cathy Hoffmann purchased the 3 new knives for 39.00 to be used for cutting the pies at the Octoberfest and they have been added to the pie supplies. Thank you, Cathy, for doing this.

We have gathered 7 gifts to be used for the raffle we have at Fastnacht. Nicole is making the raffle tickets and will be available by Sunday. Thanks to everyone who helped with the prizes.

We will again have the Country store at the Fastnacht. Cathy will check with Anna to see if she can help take care of operating the store. Home canned goods, bake sale items and other craft items are welcome.

Faye has called around looking for places who could use the coats we will be collecting later this year. Uni Pres Kinder Cottage said they could use coats for kids 6 months to 12 years old. She has also contacted St Patrick's Center, and will be working on this more as the year progresses.

The Outreach team has been working on putting together a survey for all the women of the church to find out how we can meet the needs of more of the women and to help them understand we want to get them involved but know they have very busy schedules.

The discussion of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Women's Fellowship was tabled till next month when everyone can have a copy to review.

Women's Sunday is March 2<sup>nd</sup> and several people volunteered to help with the service.

March 2<sup>nd</sup> will also be the day we set up the hall for Fastnacht after church. We will need all willing hands to help.

The Lenten meal was discussed and the Women's Fellowship will do Wednesday March 26<sup>th</sup>. More discussion will be had at the March meeting.

Region 2 will be collecting items to make clean up buckets for the L A Fire. Our church will be responsible for heavy duty clean up bags. They will be collecting this item in April or May.

There were no birthdays so Nancy S and Sharon G made the motion to adjourn. Motion carried. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Ellen Edler Secretary

Dear Congregation,

Our Youth Group will be travelling to Hoyleton on April 12th for the annual Eggs-travaganza! We're expecting approximately 40 children from Hoyleton to join us that day, and we'd love to be able to surprise them with Easter baskets full of toys and candy. If you would like to donate, below are some ideas that will help us pull this together.

- Chocolate bunnies
- Chewy candies (gummy bears, sour patch kids, Tootsie Rolls, etc.)
- Small wrapped candy (something to fit inside a plastic egg)
- Easter grass
- Small hand-held games or crafts
- Glow bracelets or necklaces
- Coloring books / Sketch pads
- Crayons / Markers /Easter pencils and erasers
- Small toys such as play dough, bubbles, slap bracelets, glow necklaces or bracelets, mini Slinkies, small bounce balls, small hand-held games;
- Snacks such as small packets of cookies, teddy grahams, Cheez-its or goldfish; granola bars, cereal bars, etc.

We appreciate any and all donations! Please bring your items to church by April 6th and place them on the table in the back.

Blessings!

Angie

### **Youth Fellowship**

Youth Fellowship met at 7:30 PM on March 19, 2025. The meeting was called to order by President Cody with fifteen members present. Mrs. Sheryl opened with a prayer.

Student Pastor Tim presented our devotion time, centered on the Parable of the Prodigal Son. We talked about the people in the story and who they represent. We also talked about the special meaning each of us found in the story.

Minutes of the January meeting were approved on a motion by Hayden, seconded by Owen. Motion carried.

There was no treasurer's report.

Old Business: Everyone enjoyed the trip to The Edge. Thanks to our drivers for spending their time taking us!

Tee shirt orders were updated, and the order is ready to be placed.

The Lenten meal on April 9 was discussed. We had volunteers sign up for desserts or other items they wished to bring.

Plans for the Hoyleton Easter party were finalized. On Wednesday, April 9, following the Lenten worship service, we will assemble baskets and fill eggs. Plans are to fill 40 baskets and about 400 eggs. We will meet at the Maecystown Church Hall at 8:00 AM to make sandwiches for their lunch, load our cars and drive to Hoyleton. Return time to the church hall will be about 3:30 PM.

New Business: We discussed having a soda stand at the Maecystown Springfest again this year. Show of hands showed a majority wanted to do so.

A motion to approve all old and new business was made by Katie, seconded by Wyatt B. Motion carried. A motion to adjourn was made by Hayden, seconded by Payton; and Pastor led us in the Lord's Prayer.

### **The Mission Team**

The chili cook-off was a huge success thanks to the generosity of all in attendance. We raised \$2,777 in one hour!!!! The ever popular dessert auction was brought back and it made a huge splash. Raising over \$1200 on desserts alone!

We cannot thank you all enough for your continued support of the mission team and its endeavors. Be on the lookout for this event to happen again next year. Let's have even more people attend:)

### **Fastnacht Report**

On March 4<sup>th</sup>, aka Fat Tuesday, St John UCC, Maecystown, held its annual Fastnacht, their all-you-can-eat sausage and pancake feast. And who doesn't love an all-you-can-eat meal?

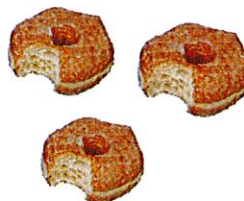
Entertainment by the Waterloo German Band! So fun!

The kids went Grebbling for yummy donuts throughout town then once back at the hall there was a costume judging contest.

Women's Fellowship had their country store open. They sponsored a raffle with a great list of prizes to be won.

#### **Raffle Winners:**

Maecystown Getaway – Anita Graber  
Munie Tickets – Anna Massie  
Floral Arrangements – Tim Schaeffer  
Wine Basket – Andrea Glessner  
Baking Basket – Elise Rohlfing  
Pie Basket – Nancy Schilling  
MASC/Happy Hour – Robert Schmidt



(submitted by Joyce Kuergeleis)

Hi, I'm Sue Taylor,

In September this past year, I accepted the position of president of Women's Fellowship. One of my goals is to promote the Women's Fellowship mission. We have so many new church members; I wanted to reach out to the next generation and current members. Your talents and interests are valuable to this church's mission. I created an Outreach team to brainstorm how to connect to all the women of the church. Attached you will find a survey that we hope will inform you of the mission and help you tell us how you would like to join the mission of serving our church. Use the link to Survey Monkey to complete the survey. We look forward to reading your responses. God Bless You!

[Women's Fellowship Survey](#)

## **This and That.....**

### **Upcoming Events:**

- Maundy Thursday Service will be Thursday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Joe.
- Good Friday Service will be Friday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m. here at St. John's.
- **Easter Sunrise Service is April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 a.m. Following the service please join us at the Church Hall for a delicious Breakfast. Donations of any breakfast foods are welcome and can be dropped off at the Hall before the service or brought to the breakfast. All are welcome!!!!**
- **SAVE THE DATE:** The Valmeyer Music Boosters will host a Chicken Wing Fling on April 27, 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Check out the flyer on the bulletin board. Pastor Poole will be one of the judges!
- The Maintenance Committee will meet on Monday April 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00. Please join the team!

### **Special Announcements:**

- All Christmas flowers should be removed from the cemetery to prepare for spring mowing.
- Donations for Easter Lilies are being accepted through April 14.

### **Birthday Shoutouts:**

- Glenn Woodcock will turn 84 on April 3.
- John Hoeffft will turn 77 on April 8.
- Janet Trost will celebrate her 73rd birthday April 10.
- Dorothy Matzenbacher will turn 88 on April 12.
- Sharon Bergheger will celebrate her 70th birthday on April 14.
- Dee Ann Trost will celebrate her 80th birthday on April 15.
- Mary Graham will turn 70 on April 19.
- Joann Knobloch will celebrate her 78th on April 27.
- Jean Rahn will turn 87 years young on April 29.
- Shirley Stafford will celebrate 74th birthday May 1.
- Dave Hesterberg will turn 72 on May 7.
- Terry Roberson will turn 73 on May 10.
- Eva Novakov will turn 80 on May 13.

### **Special Anniversaries:**

- Allyn & Trudi Rohlfing will celebrate 49 years of marriage on April 10.
- Mark & Susan Hoffmann will celebrate their 41st wedding anniversary on April 14.
- Dennis & Janet Trost will celebrate 54 years of marriage on April 17.
- Bob & Debbie Barnes will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on April 19.

- Randall & Connie Esker will celebrate 46 years of marriage on April 21.
- Ronald & Susan Brinkmann will celebrate 48 years of marriage on April 23.
- Barry & Cathy Hoffmann will celebrate 43 years of marriage on April 24.
- Ross & Dorothy Mueller will celebrate their 59th wedding anniversary on April 30.
- Morris & Pat Brandt will celebrate 49 years of marriage on May 15.

### **Prayer List:**

- Linda Sutter broke her hip and is now recovering at the Clinton Manor Living Center in New Baden. 111 E. Illinois St., Room 300; New Baden IL 62265. If you would like to send a card or note, you can send it to this address.
- Please pray for Randy Hicks's recovery after his very long and successful surgery.
- Please pray for Todd Clasquin; he had back surgery that left him paralyzed from the waist down. Please pray he regains his ability to walk again.
- Please pray for Bob Barnes, whose feet are healing, and who has significant heart issues.
- Please keep Lenny Schwarze in your prayers as he recovers from a serious illness.
- Please keep Linda Sutter in your prayers. She is recovering from hip surgery.
- Gideon, infant son of Chris and Amanda Schweigert, as he receives therapy for a dislocated jaw.
- Keep John Bueschel in your prayers as he receives chemo treatments.
- Keep Joyce Kuergeleis in your prayers as she continues her treatments.
- Jane and Pat McCarthy as they struggle with ongoing health concerns.
- Willie Krebel's Lung & Stomach tumors are gone after treatments, but he has a new tumor in the lymph node under his liver. Please continue prayers.
- Mona Mothershead is receiving treatments for her cancer.
- Mary Ann Lutz, Julie Birk's aunt, is needing a Kidney Transplant.
- Kaylee is getting stronger every day but still needs our prayers.
- Tim Branson in his battle with cancer.

➔ **Lenten Services are every Wednesday night. Meal at 6 and service at 7, alternating between Maeystown and St. Joe.**

**2025 Easter Lily Donation Form**

Donations are being accepted for the 2025 Easter Lilies. A donation of \$10.00 is recommended. The money for the donation is due April 14, 2025.

If you wish to make your donation in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please complete the below information and return it with your donation.

**A donation of \$10.00 is required to make the donation in memory of or in honor of a loved one.**

DONOR'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

I WOULD LIKE TO DONATE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to make your donation in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please complete the below information.

In memory of/ In honor of  
(please circle one and list how you would like it worded in the bulletin)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of/ In honor of  
(please circle one and list how you would like it worded in the bulletin)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Visitor Report:**

Beginning Balance -	\$647.65
Income -	0.00
Expense -	
U. S. Postmaster -	\$59.82
End Balance -	\$587.83

Happy Easter to All!!!!

Faye Birk, Treasurer

*Poet: Catherine Pulsifer*

*In the realm of Christian faith,  
Easter reigns supreme,  
When life conquers death,  
as it did on that day serene.  
The power of the resurrected Christ,  
radiant and divine,  
Shines brightly upon our souls,  
leading us to His design.*

**Sunday School – Checking Account**

Beginning Balance -	\$593.09
Income -	\$791.00
Maher Trust - \$720.00	
Offering - \$71.00	
Expense -	\$562.01
St. John UCC (Reimbursement of Spring Curriculum) - \$302.23	
Kindercottage (Jan-Feb-Mar) - \$100.00	
Women’s Fellowship (Yearly Supplies) - \$159.78	
Ending Balance -	\$ 822.08

*Christian hearts rejoice, for Easter morn has come,  
A victory so miraculous, it cannot be undone.  
The stone rolled away,  
an empty tomb revealed,  
The power of the resurrected Christ,  
mightily unsealed.*

*Through His sacrifice, our burdens are set free,  
In His resurrection,  
we find strength and victory.  
No sorrow, no pain, can endure His mighty reign,  
For the power of the resurrected  
Christ breaks every chain.*

**Sunday School – Savings Account**

Beginning Balance -	\$4942.66
Income -	\$0.00
Expense -	\$0.00
Ending Balance -	\$4942.66

*So let us celebrate with joyful voices raised high,  
Sing praises to the Lord,  
our Savior in the sky.  
Easter's message echoes across the Earth's expanse,  
Proclaiming the triumph of love,  
in a divine dance.*

Faye Birk, Treasurer

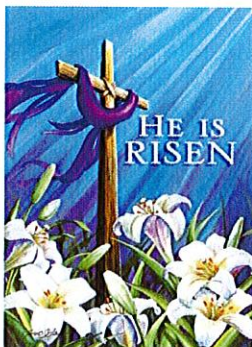
**Church Financial for February 2025.**

Beginning balance:	\$63,958.03;
Income:	\$32,135.51;
Expenses:	\$44,196.54;
Ending balance 2/28/2025	\$51,897.00

Kathy Asselmeier

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:**

Josh & Emily Reinhardt	Apr. 2
Randy & Brandy Hicks	Apr. 5
Garrett & Elise Rohlfing	Apr. 5
Jason & Sheri Dilley	Apr. 9
Luke & Alyssa Andres	Apr. 9
Allyn & Trudi Rohlfing	Apr. 10
Tom & Stacy Schilling	Apr. 10
Ron & Susan Richeson	Apr. 11
Mark & Susan Hoffmann	Apr. 14
Kody & Afton Schwarze	Apr. 16
Dennis & Janet Trost	Apr. 17
Aaron & Jenny Prange	Apr. 18
Bob & Debbie Barnes	Apr. 19
Michael & Barb Stafford	Apr. 20
Randall & Connie Esker	Apr. 21



*Easter Morn*

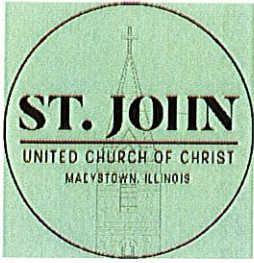
Ronald & Susan Brinkmann	Apr. 23
Barry & Cathy Hoffmann	Apr. 24
Adam & Allison Prange	Apr. 29
Ross & Dorothy Mueller	Apr. 30
Terry & Debbie Walster	May 4
Ronald & Larita Mohl	May 7
Tim & Mary Branson	May 10
Kyle & Kaitlyn Andres	May 12
Erik & Erin Floarke	May 14
Pete & Dr. Jennifer Goessling	May 14
Jared & Amy Roever	May 14
Morris & Pat Brandt	May 15

***HAPPY BIRTHDAY***

Heather Elaine Wild	Apr. 2
Glenn Woodcock	Apr. 3
Kaitlyn Andres	Apr. 3
Nikki Asselmeier	Apr. 4
Matthew Schellhardt	Apr. 4
Kathryn Remick	Apr. 4
Ashlyn Crouch	Apr. 5
Aven Emily Kennedy	Apr. 5
Abriale Lee Smith	Apr/ 6
Andrew Schaefer	Apr. 6
Otis Wayne Hines	Apr. 6
Carla Feldmeier	Apr. 7
John Hoefft	Apr. 8
Courtney Hoffmann	Apr. 9
Karrin Larson	Apr. 9
Morgan Daniel Hoffmann	Apr. 9
Charles (Chuck) Schaefer	Apr. 10
Janet Trost	Apr. 10
Ashley Melvin	Apr. 10
Logan Matthew Albat	Apr. 10
Rilynn Grace Heidenreich	Apr. 11
Amelia Louise Hoffmann	Apr. 11
Dorothy Matzenbacher	Apr. 12
Kelly Ann Mathews	Apr. 12
Henry Alexander Knoll	Apr. 12
Logan Schaefer	Apr. 12
Stacy Brigance	Apr. 13
Sharon Bergheger	Apr. 14
DeeAnn Trost	Apr. 15
Sharon Keeney	Apr. 17
Jesse Barnes	Apr. 17
Tanner James Rosenkranz	Apr. 17
Robin Edler	Apr. 18
Jeremy Duane Ries	Apr. 18
Mary Catherine Graham	Apr. 19
Emma Ruth Miller	Apr. 19
Sage Elizabeth Kennedy	Apr. 19
Samantha Rippelmeyer	Apr. 20
Daniel Kyle Miller	Apr. 21

Jeremiah James Reese	Apr. 22
Ethan Floarke	Apr. 22
Jack Michael Roy	Apr. 23
Jeffrey Hines	Apr. 23
Ziggy Clemens Hines	Apr. 23
Logan Michael Esker	Apr. 23
Eric Bollinger	Apr.25
Greg Knobloch	Apr. 27
Joann Knobloch	Apr. 27
Debbie Barnes	Apr. 27
Karen Rodenberg	Apr. 28
Kay Floarke	Apr. 28
Imogene (Jean) Rahn	Apr. 29
Owen Evans	Apr. 30
Shirley Stafford	May 1
Elise Sandra Rohl fing	May 3
Caleb Hicks	May 3
Shannon Marie Jansen	May 4
Luca Michael Heidenreich	May 4
Megan Vogt	May 5
Lilly Carron	May 5
Jensen Michael Roever	May 5
Sara Schreder	May 6
David Hesterberg	May 7
Dawson Goldschmidt	May 7
Clinton Hicks	May 9
Terry Roberson	May 10
Lane Dale Mathews	May 11
Cole William Dilley	May 12
Kimberly Soutiea	May 12
Eva Novakov	May 13
Lynden Prange	May 14
Paige Jackson	May 15
Kathy Ann Poole	May 15





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***Thought for the day***

No matter what yesterday was like, the birds always start the new day with a song.