



# ST. JOHN

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
MAEYSTOWN, ILLINOIS

***The Visitor***  
**September - 2022**

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## ***Pastor's Reflection***

### **Living Your Truth!**

This past Saturday I had a gathering to celebrate the new grandbaby and we threw in to the mix Kyle's 29<sup>th</sup> B-day. This brought the aunts and uncles from both sides along with all our kids that could make it. It occurred to me that Kathy and I were the only two there that attended church and the only two that really took their faith seriously. Faith in this country has become so watered down that it has almost no true meaning. To say you're a Christian is more like a category to be checked on a form. How many people live their faith, and that among many things, means participating regularly in worship.

As I look around the room at my own beloved family, I see the absence of what you and I have. Being centered, grounded in a truth bigger than this time, even bigger than our own lives. The truth we live has been passed down to us through the scripture and traditions for thousands of years. The biblical narrative tells the story of the people's faith as they went through every kind of loss and hardship from wars, plagues, even the loss of their promise land. We also hear how God was with them, delivered them, saved them, guided them into a life of righteousness and joy. The lessons of grace, forgiveness, peace, joy, are not just lessons in a book but lived truths in our lives.

You are people of a practiced faith. Your principles and values stand out as does your grace and peace. Many of our members tend to tell it as it is and will fiercely defend what they know to be right. We call that principled. I can hear someone say, they got that from their dad and his dad before them, but it is more than that. It is their lived faith and that passion and stand for what is right is routed in the biblical lessons passed down for generations. Principled women and men standing up for what is right against all odds. We have members that have the gift of peace and see hope in almost every situation. They also are standing on the deep lessons passed down for generations and we see the power of the gospel brought to life.

My family looks to me for strength, guidance and hope but do not all follow me into the faith. How many of you have the same experience? I realized two important lessons. One, all of us that practice our faith are in the minority. In today's culture you are the odd ones, but you are also looked to when loved ones need support or guidance. When they truly need strength to get through something challenging in their lives you are who they call.

Secondly... and this is very important, I realized that I do not help the ones in my life to connect the dots. I do not tell them the qualities they see and seek in me are the result of my practiced faith, day in and day out, including Sunday mornings. That what they see and respond to is the presence of God in my heart and in my life. I don't tell them that for you and I there is nothing so precious to us than the peace we know from our walk with God and that walk and practiced traditions is our strength.

*Romans 8:31-39*

*God's Love in Christ Jesus*

*31 What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup>Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup>Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'*

*<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

These powerful words in scripture ring true for us and are visible in the way we live our lives. The ones we love can see it. I will not tell them all I just said in this reflection. I will simply say "What you see in me reflects my faith. The loving God that lives in my heart". Let's be ready next time someone asks "How do you manage all you're going through with so much peace"? "How do you find the courage to stand up for what is right"? "How do you have so much grace"? Be ready to share from your heart what God and your practiced faith means to you. When we tell our truth about what God is doing in our lives, it honors God and it honors the truth about who we are.

As I look out at our congregation, I see no two alike. You're not cookie cutter Christians. All of you have different gifts and different challenges and I am grateful for each one of you. I speak a lot of peace and love and that might not be the image you see yourself in. Trust me when I say, I would not change you for a minute. We do not need all our members to be grinning from ear to ear. We do not need all our member to never have a complaint. We do not need to share the same opinions. We come together to honor and worship God. We are Christians with a strength that comes from beyond ourselves. May we find new ways to authentically share our faith with the people in our lives.

Let us Live our Faith, our Truth together!

Pastor

### **St. John's UCC Church Council Minutes - July 11, 2022**

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

June 21, 2022 Meeting Minutes: Lisa Schwarze made a motion to accept the minutes and Cheri Langsdorf seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Pastor's Report: Pastor stressed the importance in generating the living word in our church and spreading it to the community. Pastor Poole will be on vacation from July 30 through August 12.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Vote on sound system and hooking up bell tower: Bids have been received from Audio Video Concepts from Columbia and Alobars Incorporated from St. Louis, Mo. The bid prices are relatively the same amount which

is near \$12,000. The equipment is different. Audio Video Concepts is bidding another system with 4 speakers like we have right now. Alobars Incorporated is bidding a system with a single speaker with 8 components. Alobars Incorporated is a small company who specializes mostly in churches, and schools. Drew Watts agreed to do some research about the single speaker with a company he knows through his work. We also requested a demonstration from Alobars on the 1 speaker system and asked church members to attend as well. The congregational meeting to vote on the system will be August 15, 2022 following church.

Parsonage Roof: The contract has been signed and checks issued. Work will be done when weather permits, hopefully July or August.

L-P Gas: No bids have been received as this time. Fluctuation of price may be a factor.

AED Machine: The motion to refurbish our existing AED machine for approximately \$300 was made by Drew Watts, seconded by Lisa Schwarze and it carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Come up with procedure as to what can be shared on the church's Facebook site and sold after church: The decision made was that postings are limited to our church organizations.

Lisa Schwarze made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Cheri Langsdorf seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Linda Schmidt, Secretary

#### **Women's Guild Special Meeting August 14, 2022**

Sue Taylor called a special meeting to discuss the **Fall Banquet that will be held on October 23.** Mission Catering will be supplying the luncheon meal and serving it. Their proceeds go to the hungry in Guatemala. Deserts will be furnished by the women of the church and drinks will be furnished also by the Women's Guild.

There will be a silent auction of items and the proceeds will go to the Human Support Services. Pumpkin decorating with stickers will be available for the kids.

Sue stated she needed help with decorating the day before the banquet and the day of the banquet. Decorating for the banquet will be discussed at the September and October meeting. Pat Brandt and Joyce volunteered to help with cutting and serving the deserts. Anna Massey and Faye Birk volunteered to help with the pumpkin decorating. Barb Wischmeyer and Ellen Edler volunteered to help with the silent auction. Cathy Hoffmann and Sue Taylor will be taking reservations and collecting money at the door. The ticket cost will be \$12.00 and children under 5 will be free.

Ellen Edler, Secretary

#### **Women's Fellowship – May 5, 2022**

President Faye Birk called the May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting to order with 12 members and Pastor present. Pastor Poole led with a prayer.

The treasurer's report was given by Sue Taylor with an April 30th ending balance of 1568.79. Barb and Connie made the motion to accept and second the motion. Motion carried.

The secretary report was given by Ellen Edler. Linda and Pat made the motion and seconded to accept. Motion carried.

Old business consisted of food drive which has received food and monetary donations.

- The Hike and Bike was also discussed and will be held on Saturday. There are 45 people signed up to participate and all volunteer slots are filled.
- Sue is working on the Women's banquet and has a date of October 23 after church to hold the event. She has talked to Bonnie Wallace of Mission Catering. They use the proceeds from the catering business to help feed the hungry in Guatemala. Sue has also talked to Terry Meyer and has not heard back from her. Sue has come up with a theme of Fall Festival and could use the banquet to raise money for a cause. Sue has many ideas of how to raise money along with having an entertaining afternoon for the children and adults. Decorating pumpkins, and craft auction are a few of her ideas.

New business consisted of paying the 250.00 bill for the new window decorations in the church. Sharon and Anna made the motion and motion carried. Nancy, Pat, and Joyce took care of decorating the windows.

- Barb and Nancy will look into fall decorations for the church windows.
- Pastor reported on the cemetery board doing a great job with keeping the cemetery looking great, the board is still working on quotes for a new sound system, and discussion is being had on outdoor services. There will be an outdoor service for Mother's Day weather permitting.

Connie and Sue made the motion to adjourn and the motion carried. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.  
Ellen Edler, Secretary

### Upcoming Events:

- **After-School Program will start September 7.**
- **St. John's Day will be on Sunday, September 11.** New members will be received on this day as well. **Special music Brenda Johnson and Children will play the bells today!**
- **YPL Meeting September 21, 6:30 p.m. in the hall.** All youth welcome!
- **The Women's Fellowship Banquet will be held Sunday, October 23 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** Tickets are \$12.00. Children 6 & under are free. Contact Cathy Hoffmann or Sue Taylor for reservations. A formal invitation will be forthcoming in the mail to all the lovely ladies of the church.

### Acolyte Schedule:

#### **September**

4 - Cole Dilley & Andrew Stafford  
11 - Ashlyn Crouch & Landen Johnson  
18 - Owen Carron & Kylee Muertz  
25 - Lilly Carron & Jackie Keller

#### **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



Join Us For  
**St. JOHN's DAY**

September 11

Please join us after church for  
grilling, homemade ice cream and fun  
games for the kids!

### Calling all Bakers and Dessert Makers

We could use your help with 2 upcoming events:

**St. John's Day, Sunday, September 11** – Finger desserts like cookies, cupcakes, brownies, Rice Krispie treats, etc. (or anything else that would go with ice cream) are needed to round out our lunch menu.

**Octoberfest, Sunday, October 9** – Homemade pies for the Women's Fellowship Pie Stand. Fruit pies, custard pies, pumpkin & pecan pies are all welcome. We cannot, however, serve cream pies. Pies may be delivered to the stand that morning or to the Church Fellowship Hall on Saturday, October 8 between 9 and 5.

Thank You!!!

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### Mark your calendar!



St. John UCC, Women's Fellowship is planning another Christkindlmarkt and Quilt Show as part of Maeystown's Old Fashioned German Christmas on December 4, 2022. Of course, nothing is set in stone just yet, but we're planning on many vendors and crafters at the Christkindlmarkt. More info to come later.

While you're at it, please visit the treasured quilts belonging to St John members on display in our beautiful stone church decorated for Christmas.

We hope you join us as part of your Christmas activities.

# ***Women's Fellowship Banquet***

***October 23, 2022 | 11:30 a.m.  
St. John UCC Fellowship Hall***

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**Tickets: \$12.00  
Children 6 & under are Free**

**There will be a Silent Auction during the banquet,  
proceeds to benefit Human Support Services, Waterloo.**

**For reservations call:  
Cathy Hoffmann, 939-8322 or  
Sue Taylor, 935-7471**

**Reservations due Oct. 16.**

**Women and their children, Aunts,  
Cousins, or Friends. All are welcome!**



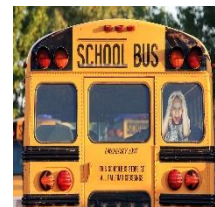
Women's Fellowship  
2022-2023 Meeting Schedule

President: Faye Birk  Vice President:	Secretary: Ellen Edler  Treasurer: Sue Taylor
Thursday, September 1, 2022 @ 12:00 Chairs: Sandy Tutka Faye Birk <b><u>STEAK DINNER PROVIDED BY PASTOR</u></b>	Discussions: Christkindlmarkt/Quilt Show Oktoberfest 9, 2022 – Pie Stand Pastor Appreciation Day-Oct. 9
Thursday, October 6, 2022 @ 12:00 Chairs: Sue Taylor Anna Massie	Discussions: Pie Stand Shut-in Bags
Thursday, November 3, 2022 @ 12:00 Chairs: Linda Schmidt Joyce Kuergeleis	Discussions: December 4, 2022 Christkindlmarkt/Quilt Show Decorate Church for Christmas
Thursday, December 3, 2022 NO Meeting Assemble Shut-in Bags	Discussions:
Thursday, January 5, 2023 @ 12:00 Chairs: Nancy Voelker Patty Brandt	Discussions: March 1, 2023-Fastnacht/Country Store/Raffle Donations-Hoyleton/DuBois
Thursday, February 2, 2023 @ 12:00 Chairs: Sharon Glessner/Twyla & Cathy Hoffmann	Discussions: March 1, 2023-Fastnacht/Country Store/Raffle Mother/Family Banquet
Thursday, March 2, 2023 @ 12:00 Chairs: Barb Wischmeyer Sharon Bergheger	Discussions: Easter-April 9, 2023-Breakfast UCC Women's Sunday
Thursday, April 6, 2023 @ 12:00 Chairs: Brenda Johnson Marietta Schneider	Discussions: Easter-April 9, 2023-Breakfast Hike n Bike – May 8, 2023
Thursday, May 4, 2023 @ 12:00 Chairs: Connie Turner Ellen Edler	Discussions:
<b><u>Meetings will be from Noon to??</u></b>	Please notify Linda Sutter if you would like a Sympathy, Get Well, Anniversary, Birthday or any other type of Greeting Card sent from the Women's Fellowship

## The Afterschool Program

Our Afterschool Program starts on September 7<sup>th</sup> and we have hungry children coming through our doors at 3:35p.m. Please consider donating any of the following suggestions or donate other snacks if you wish.

1. Cookies (all kinds)
  2. Cheese Balls
  3. Canned Icing
  4. Doritos
  5. Chocolate Covered Donuts
  6. Cheese in a Can
  7. Ritz Crackers
  8. Fruit
  9. Graham Crackers
  10. Potato Chips
  11. Pretzels
  12. Powder Sugar Donuts
  13. Popcorn
  14. Little Debbie Cakes
  15. Fritos
  16. Rice Krispie Treats
  17. Applesauce
  18. Surprise Us
- Boxes of Brownies (We will make them that day)



Thank you in advance for your donations and help!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

## St. John's News and Notes

### New Members!

New members will be welcomed into the church on St. John's Day, September 11.

### After School Program:

After School Program will start Wednesday, Sept. 7. Students will need a new bus pass (Bus #4 this year) and permission slip. Please see Pastor if you have questions.

### Coat Drive 2022:

The Women's Fellowship is sponsoring a coat drive, with the coats to-be delivered in September/October. We will accept gently used or new coats.

We would appreciate it if you could deliver any of your gently used or new coats in the back of Church or even better in the Church Hall from now till the Middle of October. Thank you.

The Women's Fellowship

### Age Smart Presentation:

Joy Paeth, the Director of Age Smart Community Resources, will be the speaker at the October 6, Women's Fellowship luncheon. Age Smart provides community resources for older adults, caregivers, persons with disabilities and veterans in Monroe and surrounding counties. They can connect you to legal services, assist with Medicare and Medicaid information and the application process and provide caregiver resources.

In addition, they have health and wellness programs along with educational opportunities to help us age well. Please join us to learn how you can tap into the resources Age Smart has to offer to help you and your loved ones age well your way.

### Prayer List:

- *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.*



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

**Special Birthdays:**

- Happy 94 years young to Ben Yancey on September 10.
- Happy 69th Birthday to the lovely Elaine Hoerr on September 10.
- Peg Johner turns 82 years young on Sept. 12.
- Barb Wischmeyer celebrates her 76th birthday on September 13.
- Sue Taylor turns a lovely 68 years young on September 14.
- Morris Brandt celebrates his 67th birthday on September 16.
- Bob Barnes celebrates his 68th birthday on September 18.
- Maren Birk celebrates her very FIRST birthday on September 18.
- Don Edler turns 71 on September 19.
- September 20 is a big day for birthdays with Bill Tutka celebrating his 77th birthday, Pat Berry celebrating her 72nd birthday, Dr. Kate Larson joining the 40's club, and Aura Hicks celebrating her sweet 16 all on that day.
- Harry Steingrubey turns a special 97 years young on September 25.
- Kalista Wetzel joins the 30's club with a birthday on September 28.
- Paul Faus rounds out the birthday month by turning 70 on September 30.

**Special Anniversaries:**

- David and Sandra Berg celebrate their silver anniversary on September 13.
- To add to the special birthday celebrations on September 20, Dave and BJ Henerfauth will celebrate 47 years of marriage on that same day.
- Donald and Pam Muertz will celebrate their silver anniversary on September 24.
- Robert and Linda Schmidt will celebrate a special 53 years of marriage on September 27.

**August Visitor Report:**

Beginning Balance	\$467.66
Income -	\$0.00
Expense -	
U.S. Postage -	<u>\$55.04</u>
Ending Balance	\$412.624

Faye Birk, Treasurer

**Sunday School Checking:**

Beginning Balance August 1, 2022 -	\$1,556.51
Income -	\$0.00
Expense -	
Children's International -	<u>\$66.00</u>
Ending Balance as of August 31, 2022 -	\$1490.51

**Sunday School Savings Account:**

Beginning Balance August 1, 2022 -	\$6156.26
Income -	\$0.00
Expense -	\$0.00
Ending Balance as of August 31, 2022 -	\$6156.26

Faye Birk, Treasurer

**Adult Choir:**

Choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, Sept 14 at 7:15 p.m. We welcome all people who love to sing, high school age and up!

♪♪ Silent Night ♪♪

**This Christmas Eve you will hear the organ playing *Silent Night* throughout all of Maeystown, thanks to a generous donation from Dr. James and Judy Schmuck. Their contribution covered the entire cost of putting the new speakers and the wiring in our steeple.**

**We hope to renew the long-lost tradition of playing organ music for the town and countryside to hear. How special is this!!**

**Judy and Jim have been long standing supporters of our little country church. Most of their contributions go without any recognition, but I just could not resist saying how much their care is appreciated!**

## ***HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!***

Brenda Johnson	Sept. 2	Dean Hesterberg	Sept. 26
Madisyn Huddleston	Sept. 2	Ayla Jean Esker	Sept. 27
Jonathan Wolf	Sept. 2	Tyler Koester	Sept. 28
Dominic Richeson	Sept. 2	Miki Skaggs	Sept. 28
Sherry Stitzel	Sept. 2	Kalista Wetzel	Sept. 28
Kristy Edler	Sept. 3	Afton Schwarze	Sept. 28
Cathy Hoffmann	Sept. 3	Tyler Koester	Sept. 28
Laurie Manning	Sept. 3	Wayne Stitzel	Sept. 29
Jay Mueller	Sept. 3	Paul Faus	Sept. 30
Ally Coats	Sept. 3	Bradley Koesterer	Oct. 1
Kayla Adkins	Sept. 5	Brylee Rohlfig	Oct. 1
Noah Rusteberg	Sept. 6	Adam Eckart	Oct. 2
Jenna Keindenreich	Sept. 7	Kelsey Schmitz	Oct. 2
Levi Edler	Sept. 7	Vanessa Stitzel	Oct. 3
Amber Branson	Sept. 8	Whitney Stitzel	Oct. 3
Tristan Steibel	Sept. 8	Wyatt Schreder	Oct. 3
Teagan Rohlfig	Sept. 8	Alex Knoll	Oct. 5
Wallace Altes	Sept. 9	Matthew Brandt	Oct. 5
Nolan Finch	Sept. 9	Dallen Edler	Oct. 5
Mason Hicks	Sept. 9	Levi Wittenbrink	Oct. 5
William Niebruegge	Sept. 9	Carmelita Sensel	Oct. 6
Ben Yancy	Sept. 10	Nancy Voelker	Oct. 6
Elaine Hoerr	Sept. 10	Sheri Dilley	Oct. 6
Susan Roseman	Sept. 10	Mike Krebel	Oct. 6
Guy Tyberendt	Sept. 11	Linda Sutter	Oct. 7
Peg Johner	Sept. 12	Janey Berg	Oct. 7
Pam Muertz	Sept. 12	Jennifer Coats	Oct. 8
Barbara Wischmeyer	Sept. 13	Graham Knobloch	Oct. 8
Julia Muertz	Sept. 13	Connie Esker	Oct. 9
Avery Burns	Sept. 13	Ross Mueller	Oct. 9
Evan Burns	Sept. 13	Trey Rohlfig	Oct. 13
Sue Taylor	Sept. 14	Grant & Jennifer Coats	Oct. 13
Kadence Keller	Sept. 14	Owen Carron	Oct. 14
Adleigh Wilson	Sept. 15	Olivia Burns	Oct. 14
Morris Brandt	Sept. 16	Kaiden Wilson	Oct. 14
Bob Barnes	Sept. 18	Linda Schmidt	Oct. 15
Brandt Mueller	Sept. 18		
Maren Marie Birk	Sept. 18		
Don Edler	Sept. 19		
Bill Tutka	Sept. 20		
Pat Berry	Sept. 20		
Kate Larson	Sept. 20		
Aura Hicks	Sept. 20		
Mildred Jensen	Sept. 20		
Julie Schmitz	Sept. 22		
Lillian Hicks	Sept. 22		
Jared Roever	Sept. 22		
Maggie Schwarze	Sept. 22		
Evan Hill	Sept. 23		
Steven Hicks	Sept. 24		
Clayton Braun	Sept. 24		
Harry Steingrubey	Sept. 25		
Nadine Feldker	Sept. 25		
Harper Rohlfig	Sept. 25		
Scott Upchurch	Sept. 25		



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** ♥

Danny & Rita Hoffmann Sept. 3  
 Tim & Tina Buchanan Sept. 3  
 James & Connie Matzenbacher Sept. 5  
 David & Lauren Hesterberg Sept. 5  
 Nathan & Stephanie Keller Sept. 8  
 Robert & Kelly Mathews Sept. 10  
 Brett & Kate Mueller Sept. 12  
 Scott & Kate Larson Sept. 13  
 Joel & Michelle Vogt Sept. 13  
 David & Sandra Berg Sept. 13  
 John & Juanita Roland Sept. 14  
 Christopher & Christina Muertz Sept. 15  
 Dan & Jackie Gilbert Sept. 16  
 David & B.J. Henerfauth Sept. 20  
 Jacob & Carrie Grueninger Sept. 21  
 Ryan & Katlyn Nolan Sept. 21  
 Rodney & Annette Morwick Sept. 22  
 Lloyd & Margaret Schwarze Sept. 22  
 Corey & Andrea Blackwell Sept. 23  
 Donald Sr. & Pam Muertz Sept. 24  
 Nathan & Amanda Hoffmann Sept. 24  
 Randall & Kay Floarke Sept. 25  
 Chris & Lisa Koester Sept. 26  
 Robert & Linda Schmidt Sept. 27  
 Dennis & Elaine Knobloch Sept. 27  
 Wade & Kathy Goldschmidt Sept. 27  
 Bill & Becky Huddleston Sept. 27  
 Travis & Kristin Busch Sept. 29  
 Bill & Sandy Tutka Sept. 29  
 Wayne & Sherry Stitzel Oct. 3  
 Alan & Debbie Wischmeyer Oct. 4  
 Brandon & Emily Kruse Oct. 4  
 Jon & Becky Matzenbacher Oct. 6  
 Justin & Kristin Knobloch Oct. 6  
 Todd & Betty Levin Oct. 6  
 Wallace & Jane Altes Oct. 8  
 John & Phyllis Hoeffft Oct. 10  
 Jared & Rebecca Coats Oct. 10  
 Brian & Shannon Eckart Oct. 10  
 David & Anita Muertz Oct. 12



**Let Everything That Has Breath"**

... Praise Him in the sanctuary  
 Praise Him in the mighty heavens  
 Praise Him  
 All the earth praise Him

... Praise Him in His awesome power  
 Praise His great and holy name  
 Praise Him  
 The whole world praise Him

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(by Reuben Morgan)



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***Thought for the day:***

**Your mind believes what you tell it, so tell it positive things!**